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From Gangster Disciple to The Blueprint

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

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Dedication

To Cynthia L. Emery for loving me with warm endurance and great faith.

To Sharee for two wonderful, loving children: Rod, Jr. and Traci.

And finally, to all the children who are trapped within the confines of the ghetto, i.e., "ghetto prisoners".

I love you all.

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Preface

This "Blueprint" illustrates the evolution of the mental cognitive state of the Gangster disciple leadership (Larry Hoover). When he entered the Illinois State Prison system, Larry was diagnosed as a dysfunctional illiterate with a speech impediment. Within the confines of the maximum security institutions, he developed a post-Newtonian mind and a vision to lead a street gang structure into the 21st century by deactivating the structure's delinquent behavior.

In addition, this book (***From gangster disciple to Growth & Development***) alludes to the social variables in the environment which contribute heavily to the demise of inner city communities. Among these variables are ignorance, low quality of education, accessibility to drugs, laxity of law enforcement, poverty, absence of youth centers, and federal and local government designed ghettoes which breed poverty and illiteracy. The book raises the questions as to what degree is the government responsible and accountable to its subjects? Should the government be responsible to a certain degree for certain crimes of its subjects?

This book challenges the government and concerned citizens to utilize the leadership of the gang structure to alter the negative behavior of the gangs membership through the development and implementations of processes which will adequately prepare the gang structure to become a positive force in the dominant society. Gang structure must be incorporated into the educational curriculum and recognized as a viable community institution.

Also, we must bear in mind that European American ultra conservative and racist media endeavors to illustrate the gang structure as a negative structure that is beyond redemption.

1. It must be torn from society.
2. The gang structure ~~cannot~~ exist as a legitimate entity.

However, this view cannot be accepted by the academy. Academicians must challenge the conservative media to engage in meaningful, objective, empirical research which will surely bear out the falsity of these opinionated and racist views as they relate to the gang structure.

I sincerely hope that this book will assist in arming academics, politicians and legislators with empirical data that will empower them to move with a degree of expediency to acclimate the gang structure into the dominant democratic mainstream. Our critics will say that this concept was derived to paint Larry Hoover as a reformed person without actually being reformed. My answer to them is: Our actual founding fathers of this country engaged in illegitimate and racist activities under the guise of the Articles of Confederation, United States Constitution, Christianity and the principles of democracy. The principles that they advocated has endured the test of time, chaos and wars, and have assisted in making this government the world's greatest power. The "Six Principles of Existence" mentioned in this book have the potential to effect the same kind of reformation.

Signed
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The Introduction

The writing of this volume of teachings were inspired by prison inmates who have embarked upon a new direction. A direction of **growth** and **development** that will allow them to become socially acceptable to society. Those who have instructed me in these teachings are persons who have evolved to a very high level of **growth** and **development.** Herein, they shall be known only as **"The Leadership."**

The object of these teachings is to form a basis upon which positive **growth** and **development** can be built; and, to expose a truth about ourselves that has been denied to the general public. On account of the vastness of The New Concept, its **vision** of Love and Prosperity, and the pressing need to make it readily available to our membership, it has become urgent that this book be written.

However, because of the many "new" and mostly original phrases and terminology's the reader is advised to persist in his efforts to gain the utmost understanding of these teachings through **study, observation and application.**

The main premise of an organization is people working, thinking, planning and struggling together; all, as in one. Yet, one of our basic problems is the development of a program or process that will make this possible. The primary purpose of this book is to clarify our goals and objectives, to build and train personnel capable of displaying and teaching the New concept to others and the raising of our membership's educational, economical, political and social awareness. Whereas, the activities of our daily lives will urge us on and on toward the **ideal** set forth **in The Vision.**

Secondly, this book is an interpretation written with the specific intent of gaining the respect of our community: an interpretation based upon the display of these teachings in our daily lives. This is not an attempt to deny society to judge us as they see us. On the contrary, it is a statement to the effect that: If we are to be perpetually judged by society as being a negative element of society, then we challenge society to aid us in instituting these

teachings as necessary ingredients for a positive change. In all fairness, the right and capacity to make a positive change should also be considered in the judgment of one human being by another.

Thirdly, the direction of the New Concept will lead us away from premature death, incarceration and recidivism and into the understanding of our true purpose in the world. Thus, the New Concept contains **The Vision** of that which we must become in our daily dealings. As we know, it is only because of our leadership's love for us that such a proper and positive direction has been chosen. By accepting the New Concept and displaying its principles in our lives, we can overcome the problems of premature death, incarceration and recidivism. Once this is realized, the reasons for choosing the New Concept becomes crystal clear and not to choose is to admit a desire to continue on a path of self-destruction. It is only when our membership has an intelligent understanding of our goals that we can structure our struggle toward achieving those goals and begin to measure progress. Therefore, each and every one of us has a responsibility toward **growth** and **development**; an obligation to fulfill the New Concept.

Although this book was written in prison it is not about prison. It is about freedom; true freedom. This book is about that deep longing; that deep urging that all people have to be free. It is about that universal desire to **grow** and **develop** into something or someone worthy of high recognition.

Yet, because we are caught in a fast changing society, yesterday's dreams and aspirations have become further and further away. It is now just a struggle to stay in the race. However, progress is being made. This book, **"The Blueprint of a New Concept,"** is written and dedicated to all people who believe in and support our struggle for progress through positive **growth** and **development.**

When people are incarcerated, progress is measured mostly by how close they are to "getting out". However, our thoughts about freedom begin to dissolve as soon as we are out of prison. Because of this, most of us fail to grasp the true meaning of freedom. True

freedom means to **free-your-dome.** Physically our **dome** is our head. But mentally our **dome** is our mind. and that is what keeps us going and coming back and forth to prison.

Our **dome** is imprisoned by our love for the past. Our **dome** is imprisoned by our desire to be glamorous in ways that are negative to ourselves and our community. Our **dome** is imprisoned by our lack of initiative and determination to learn skills or make positive use of the skills we may already have. Most importantly, our **dome** is imprisoned by our ***illiteracy.***

In their relationship to incarceration. **crime and illiteracy** go together like a hand in a glove. In a vicious cycle of recidivism, **crime** is the tool. but **illiteracy** is the vehicle that guarantees us a free ride back to prison. If we continue to do nothing about our level of **illiteracy**; about our inability to compete successfully in the job market; about our inability to display the proper conduct during a job interview; and, in most cases. our inability to communicate the skills we do have - the results are obvious... Without a doubt, we will return to what we know best: **Crime.**

Freedom means to free-your-dome!

The Mr. Tough Guy who refuses to humble himself because he fears that humbleness will make him appear weak, is a prisoner of his fears. The Mr. Know It All who refuses to be wrong because admitting his wrongs may make him appear unintelligent, is a prisoner of his own inadequacies. Or, the Mr. Important who feels that he must be the center of attraction, or the topic of the day in order to be accepted, is a prisoner of his desire to be recognized.

The Blueprint is designed to help us overcome the Mr. Tough Guy image by humbling ourselves to the call of **wisdom**; overcome the Mr. Know It All image by admitting our need for more learning and a higher education, and overcome the Mr. Important image by realizing that recognition comes only through achievement.

True **freedom** is not gained by merely getting out of prison. Rather. we must view true **freedom** as a life long struggle for **growth and development.** Therefore. "The

Blueprint of a New Concept is about **growing** and **developing** toward true **freedom.** With this in mind. this book was written with the utmost importance of making society aware , involved and informed of what our struggle is all about. It doses not matter if we are behind walls or on the streets; our **struggle** is one of *GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT.*

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CHAPTER 1

THE GANGSTER DISCIPLES

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The white garage door, filthy with the dirt and grime accumulated over the years, had been spray-painted with a blue six-pointed star and a pair of crossed pitchforks. In the center of the six-pointed star were the bold letters: GD. Directly across the alley, another garage door riddled with holes that suggested indiscriminate gun play instead of child play, bore the signs of a top-hat, cane and gloves and a five-pointed star. Beneath it all were the large capital letters: VL.

For years, these two garages sat opposite of each other. Likewise for years, those who had drawn the six-pointed star sat in opposition to those who had drawn the five-pointed star. However, just as time and change will eventually destroy both garages, time and eventual change will also destroy the concept that people, as members of opposite organizations, must violently oppose each other. The time has come for all street organizations (commonly referred to as "street gangs"), to re-focus their energies and begin to unite around the issues that will bring us together, instead of lingering on our differences. Our young membership needs to be made aware of the facts surrounding our beginning and heed the urging of our leadership that we get back to the basics of our organization, i.e., build a positive force in our respective communities and put an end to the self-destructive concept of "opposition." The concept of violent opposition between street organizations only serves one purpose: It puts into motion the **Divide and Conquer Rule** which means simply, that as long as we are divided we will be conquered.

In this book we offer a powerful argument for a New Concept as the single best hope for restoring the positive vigor that our organization once knew. We will begin by offering a concise history of our organization and describe how we came to be known as "The Gangster Disciples" which eventually evolved into *"A New Concept: GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT."*

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The Black Gangster Disciple Nation was born out of two organizations. In the beginning, there were two separate organizations: The Disciple Nation, whose President was David Barksdale; and the Gangster Nation, whose President was Larry Hoover. There were many branches of both organizations.

Some of the Disciple Nation under David Barksdale's leadership were: Devil Disciples, Falcon Disciples, Royal Disciples, Renegade Disciples, Executioner Disciples, Boss Pimp disciples, East Side Disciples, Sircon Disciples, Motown Disciples, Dutchtown Disciples, Gonzato Disciples, Six-Tray Disciples, Maniac Disciples and Four-Tray Disciples. Also, during this period of time, David Barksdale controlled the Del Vikings, the Black Souls and the West Side Cobras.

Some of the branches of the Gangster Nation under Larry Hoover's leadership were: The Supreme Gangsters (the first branch and was considered to be the father of the gangster nation), Imperial Gangsters, African Sniper Gangsters, Raven Gangsters, High Supreme gangsters, Russian Gangsters, Maniac Gangsters, Mafia Gangsters, 75th Street Syndicate Gangsters, Outlaw Gangsters, 95th Street Supreme Gangsters, the Dells Gangsters, West Side Supreme Gangsters, Racketeer Gangsters, East Side Syndicate Gangsters, Gent Town Gangsters, and the Black Pimp Gangsters of the West Side. Everybody in the City of Chicago who was a Disciple or Gangster was under the leadership of David Barksdale or Larry Hoover, respectively. Up until that point in our history, no one in an organization had ever been referred to as a "King."

At the time, the Vice Lords the Blackstone Rangers (Stones) and the Disciples were the three major gangs (street organizations) in the City of Chicago. In terms of membership numbers and organizational structure, the Vice Lords were the first major Black street gang in Chicago. They opened and operated various businesses along 16th street in the Lawndale area. Some of the businesses that they opened were a Restaurant, clothing boutique, Tastee Freeze, pool room, Teen Town Dance Studio and an art studio. In addition, they offered many programs for the benefit of the community.

The Vice Lords reached their peak between the years 1957 and 1967. They were the father of the "Super Gangs" and had their origin on the west side of Chicago. they were the forerunners of the concept of changing street gangs into organizations.

In the years 1963 and 1964, two southside street gangs started to take a form that would eventually evolve into two of the most powerful street organizations in Chicago. They were the Blackstone Rangers and The Black Disciples. During the reign of these two organizations, the Blackstone Rangers were believed to be the most organized because they held national recognition, support from prominent business men, entertainers and politicians. They entered into a business venture with the late Sammy Davis Jr. and had the support of the late W. Clement Stone, a self-made millionaire and business entrepreneur. However, one of the most impressive displays of the political power and community importance of a street organization came when Jeff Fort, leader of the Blackstone Rangers, was invited to the late Richard Nixon's inauguration.

The Blackstone Rangers were originally founded by Eugene Hairston and Jeff Fort. Under Jeff Fort's leadership they prospered and changed their organization's name to "The Black P. Stone Nation," and eventually they became known as "the El Rukns."

David Barksdale, the leader of the Black Disciple Nation, had an organization that was comparable to the Blackstone Rangers. Although he did not receive the same amount of national recognition, he was well known throughout the City of Chicago and was

respected by his friends and feared by his foes. At the time, David Barksdale was the most revered street gang organizer in Chicago.

On the other hand, amongst these two major street organizations on the southside of Chicago were the Gangster: A young street organization striving for a place of high recognition and respect in the City of Chicago. The Blackstone Rangers and the Black Disciple Nation were vying to bring the Gangsters in as part of their respective organizations. Jeff Fort, as leader of the Black P. Stone Nation, brought Larry Hoover an offer to incorporate the Gangsters as part of the Black P. Stone Nation's structure as Gangster Stones and offered Hoover the less favorable position as an ambassador within the Black P. Stone Nation. In Hoover's mind, such a merger would swallow up the Gangster identity. Therefore, Hoover declined.

When Jeff Fort offered Hoover the opportunity to incorporate, he was unaware of just how strong the Gangsters were rapidly becoming. With branches of Gangsters throughout the City of Chicago, Hoover's empire had reached the Morgan Park area on the southwest side, across 95th Street and well into the far-south edges of the City. The Gangsters swelled from Ashland and Halsted on the west to Cottage Grove on the east. Pockets of Gangsters were scattered throughout every district on the southside of Chicago and membership was rapidly growing on the westside. Larry Hoover had put together the Black Gangster Nation, which would vie for power and battle the Stones and Disciples for years to come.

In January 1969, David Barksdale, leader of the Disciple Nation, developed a broader vision about the mission and purpose of street organizations (commonly referred to as "street gangs"). In essence, David was tired of the senseless violence and mayhem that was destroying the black community because of street gangs warfare. he struggled with the idea of how to bring an end to the constant gang warfare that existed between the Disciples and the Gangsters. He realized that such a state of existence would only bring about self-destruction in the lives of ghetto youth. Therefore, he made an offer that Hoover could

not refuse. David proposed merging the two organizations with Hoover sharing equal power. From that merger. *THE BLACK GANGSTER DISCIPLE NATION* was born. This began the era of "Kings." Never before in the history of Chicago had gang leaders been known as "Kings." Looking back. it was an ambiguous situation. but it was a necessary compromise to stop the gang wars and save the lives of members on both sides. David Barksdale was wise enough to know that by bringing Hoover ,an offer to share the throne of gang leadership as two Kings with equal power. Hoover would accept and thereby end the bloodshed between the two organizations. David was willing to give up so much because he had a broader vision and a creatively positive direction for the two organizations. Such were the circumstances surrounding the birth of *"THE BLACK GANGSTER DISCIPLE NATION."*

The merger was uplifting for both organizations. It allowed many negative energies to turn into positive energies and together the two unified organizations became active in community affairs. They opened and operated a gas station. two restaurants, community clean-up programs and enforced school truancy policies. The Englewood Business Men's Association worked hand in hand with our organization for the betterment of the community. the Black Gangster Disciples were given a security contract for Wilson Junior College located on 70th and Stewart Streets in the Englewood district. Our members were given jobs in the 63rd Street shopping concourse as security guards, salespersons and they also worked in the neighborhood bank. One of our members still holds the same job he acquired during this period.

The Business Men's Association assisted us in obtaining centers for our organization. The first to open was on 63rd and Normal Streets and 61st and Halsted Streets, out of which David Barksdale operated a free breakfast program for the community. Another center was located at 68th and Halsted Streets. out of which Larry Hoover operated a free lunch program to feed the needy children in the community.

Our trouble as an organization began when we started dealing in big city politics. Before that, we were largely overlooked. We became active in community issues and got involved with the Reverend Jesse Jackson and Operation Breadbasket. We formed the LSD Coalition, which was an acronym for Lords, Stones and Disciples. We marched and picketed the "Red Rooster Grocery Store" which was a large food chain that contribute primarily to the black community. We were successful in shutting down the Red Rooster chain and stopped the selling of bad meat to the black community.

We marched with the Reverend Jesse Jackson to force the hiring of Black Contractors to help build Circle Campus; we made up 80% of the participants in that march. We marched nonviolently with Dr. Martin Luther King in Marquette Park during the peak of the Civil Rights Movement. We were fast becoming known as a potentially powerful grassroots organization that would carry the fight against racism, segregation, inequality and unemployment right up to the City Hall steps, as well as throughout the voting booths of the City of Chicago. In essence, we became a threat to the status quo of inner-city politics and the powers that be. It is no mistake that at the same time as our organization became such a threat to the powers that be, mysteriously, all major street organizations had drugs made readily available to them for mass distribution throughout the black community. Of course, drugs had been in the black community all the time, but with very limited access. Then all of a sudden, as we matured into a power to be reckoned with. our membership began to receive highly lucrative offers (from here to fore unknown sources), to package and distribute drugs for a living. After becoming so positively involved in the social and political aspects of our communities, drugs were introduced to shut us up politically and appease us financially. However, drugs also ended the positive direction of our organization's movement. In that sense, the powers that be could not have happier. As an organization, we had fallen into their trap and they closed the door and swallowed the key.

Shortly before the flood of drugs into the black community, there was a spirit of camaraderie, a sense of belonging which fostered love (our 1st principle), honesty and a feeling of being a part of something great, our organization. Many problems were solved in our neighborhoods because everyone looked upon each other as part of the same family. Drug dealers and users were initially frowned upon. Nevertheless, with the huge and lucrative influx of drugs, suddenly drug dealers were success stories; the role models for instant riches; representatives of "the good life."

Our organization lost many of its members to the drug game either directly or indirectly. the positive potential that these lost members had is unimaginable and immeasurable. Through drug usage, loyalties shifted or became non-existent. Those who were not consumers splintered off to control turf or neighborhood strips. Our losses continued to swell. Many of our members became known as the "walking dead" (dopefiends) and were constantly in and out of jail and prisons throughout the State of Illinois, as well as the Country of America. As far as the positive growth and development of the members of our organization is concerned, the users, sellers and all associated with the drug trap paid a price that has yet to be tallied.

While jobs, social and educational programs are constantly being slashed out of the government budget, drugs have become as industry in the black community as well as in poor communities nationwide. Some of us who were caught in the trap have become aware of the fact that a great change is needed in our lifestyles. Larry Hoover is one of us who has become aware and his message is that we need to focus our energies toward eradicating the predicament that we find ourselves in.

The "BLUEPRINT" will not only enrich our lives, but it is a progressive step for many of us in the return to a positive direction.

CHAPTER 2

THE VISION

It would be an error to attempt to describe **The Vision** singularly, for **The Vision** contains more things hoped for than the American Dream.

TRUTH: Our Foundation

Throughout history, the philosophical principles of **LOVE, LIFE, LOYALTY, KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM** and **UNDERSTANDING** have been tried and proven to be necessary and **unchanging truths**; truths that are universal in their nature and application. These principles have been included in the philosophical teachings of civilization since the beginning of recorded history. For instance, The most recognized ingredients that constitute civilization are: !. A group of people that has come together to form a community that has specific laws and obligations and is based upon **LOVE** for the **LIFE** of its members, and encourages **LOYALTY** to the group's laws and principles; and, 2. A group of people that has developed a system of **KNOWLEDGE** (communication) that is based upon reading and writing.

When knowledge became systematized, organized and directed toward specific purposes. civilizations were built around the effect. In time, particular individuals excelled in **KNOWLEDGE**, thereby acquiring **WISDOM** and **UNDERSTANDING**. Based upon their **WISDOM** (the ability to apply knowledge wisely) and understanding (the ability to settle disputes and maintain order through a fair and just interpretation of the laws and principles) these particular ones became known as Kings, Queens and the ruling class. The "fall of mankind" came from man's misuse (selfishness) of these laws and principles in

order that he may dominate others through their ignorance (illiteracy). Eventually, mankind's "fall' from these laws and principles brought about slavery and the law of the jungle, which is the basis of capitalism; the strong preying on the weak, and the intelligent dominating the illiterate. Although the re-emergence of these principles is changing much of that, let us not forget that the downfall of many civilizations was a direct (or indirect) result of these principles being neglected by the masses and/or the ruling class.

Through intense study, observation, research and many trials and errors these principles have been time-tested and found to be true. They are a necessary part of any society. This fact alone makes these principles universal in their application. For us to imagine ***The Six Principles of Growth and Development*** to be anything less than universal laws and principles is to shortchange ourselves of our rightful place in history. Therefore, the relationship of **THE VISION** to the ***Six Principles of Growth and Development*** is important for two main reasons: 1. **Love, Life, Loyalty, Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding** involves ***DIVINE*** truths and principles which can guide us into prosperity and peace of mind beyond our wildest dreams; and 2. These principles encourage us to not leave any area of our lives unchanged and to truly become a reckoning power of people.

BIRTH: The Old Concept

We must begin to understand the New Concept and **THE VISION** as opposed to the "old concept". The New Concept is a philosophy of lifestyle management based upon organization. Through the New Concept true freedom can be gained and maintained down through the ages to come. Equally important, **THE VISION** is a highly critical study of our past in order to give proper direction to our present. Also, **THE VISION** is a positive image of what our future must become if we are to succeed in society. In contrast to this, under the "old concept" we walked on crooked paths of negativity. We struggled under the illusion that pimpish looks, clothes and fancy cars were the cures for our anguish. We were determined to satisfy our material "have nots" through force and intimidation. In

many ways we lost in our experience of the "old concept". We lost because the magnitude of force and energy behind the "old concept" was negative and painful to many. Even so, that is not to say that our experience under the "old concept" was unnecessary. Rather, we should view the pains of the "old concept" as birth pain.

There is a certain amount of pain involved in the birth of anything. For instance, when a woman goes into labor it is extremely painful but necessary for the birth of a new life. If you examined the history of any contemporary government you will find that their initial birth was very painful to many (and even considered negative by those whom they were struggling against) but necessary.. Accordingly, our experiences under the "old concept" was necessary to give birth to the New Concept and to **THE VISION** of our becoming an upright and worthy group of people. Thus, as far as the pain and hardship of the "old concept" is concerned, the question is what organization. group of people or nation has earned true freedom without causing, and/or experiencing , pain and hardships?

YOUTH: The New Generation

According to the prison population's general consensus, today's rising lawlessness and youthful unrest represents the birth pains of a new generation speaking out against poverty, racism and class discrimination. The new generation of desperate and downtrodden pursuers of the American Dream are tired of being lied to. They are tired of being misled and misrepresented in politics. They are tired of being exploited, manipulated and abused by a system of empty promises. The new generation is looking at the swollen hands and feet of their overworked/underpaid parents; they are asking: ***Why should I spend my entire life working for a system that nearly guarantees that I will end up poor, broken and full of despair?"*** For this new generation. the "old concept" has no answers and it seems that the answers of society are designed to keep them locked in perpetual poverty and prison.

It is easy for lawmakers and textbook psychologists to tell people how they can "make it" by working for the system instead of against it. However, most peoples' direction

in life is based upon what they see, not what they are told. Moreover, the lifestyle that society demands (in exchange for the promise of economic security) is viewed by the majority of young prisoners as being a lie. Their logic is that no matter how much money poor people make, the price of bare necessities rises in direct proportion to their income. Consequently, in the average young person's view, to follow the examples of their parents/grandparents means to submit to a life of socioeconomic slavery. Under such pretenses, the fulfillment of the American Dream becomes impossible for the young person to logically access. Let's face it, the materialism of the American Dream motivates people to "get rich:" and in most instances, crime is committed by those who are chasing the American Dream (the desire to "get rich") in one form or another.

POVERTY: A Frame of Reference

When the promises of government have proven shallow and political leaders are viewed as perpetrators of fraud and deceit, many people feel that their only recourse is to go their own way, especially our youth. They no longer trust the system for answers to their discontent and lack of prosperity. They have begun to take matters into their own hands and acting upon impulse, they are breaking away from the dictates of traditional society. Blatant disrespect for the law becomes pronounced because in the eyes of many youth (who daily witness the degrading conditions of socio-economically induced poverty) the law is not on their side. Nor can they equate living according to the law as necessary to fulfilling the American Dream. Television and Motion pictures stimulate this attitude by creating successful and popular criminals. Although most television criminals are caught, they usually leave viewers enough room to figure out how they could have committed the same crime and gotten away. For an undeveloped and povertized young mind, this type of daydreaming can be devastating. Add this stimulus to their history of socioeconomically induced poverty; then the thought of realizing the American Dream by being a law abiding citizen does not make sense. Not only does it not make sense; but, based upon the history of their environment (socioeconomic slavery), it is impossible. In their young minds, by

the time they are earning enough to be considered prosperous, the cost of living has risen to the point of keeping them near or below the poverty line. Logically, in order for them to live prosperously, they have to get rich faster than the prices are rising and that's pretty damn fast. In this view, crime beams an attractive option in the impulsive minds of our youth. Many of them feel that all they need is one big "sting," and they will "make it" from there. It is to this negative frame of reference that many of our youth are attracted.

A person's frame of reference is not only based upon the ideals and beliefs that sustains him, but also upon his particular social status. Which in the case of most criminal youth, is poverty. Basically, there are tow types of poverty:. 1. Poverty induced by the unreliability of a geographical area to produce enough to sustain its inhabitants, such as Ethiopia; and 2. Poverty induced by socioeconomic design (which, in reality, is a form of slavery). For instance, if you were to raise a baby in a room and place everything into that room that the baby needed for his survival, that room would be the baby's entire world. All of his food could be shipped into that room. His clothes would be delivered into that room. That room would be his school, home, discotheque or lounge. If he wanted a cadillac car it would be placed into the room. By placing all of his needs into the room, he would never have to venture beyond the boundary of the room. In essence, he would have been born in that room; lived, worked and played in that room; and finally, he would die in that room. He would never know who actually controlled his room. He would never know who owned the property in his room; who determined the price of food in his room; nor would he know who owned and operated the electricity, gas and water coming into his room. Probably, he would never leave his room and experience what lies beyond the illusive confines of his room. In his mind he would be free and the room would be his world, but in reality, he is not free. In reality he is enslaved to the socioeconomically induced confinement of his room; enslaved by the unwritten laws of containment that create the class and racial boundaries of his room; and he is enslaved by the real, though

not admitted, self-hatred that socioeconomic slavery produces. His room and our world is the ghetto with all of its invisible walls and undocumented boundary lines.

Such is the frame of reference that motivates our new generation of poor youth to commit crime; and such is the frame of reference that THE VISION seeks to destroy. However, the frame of reference cannot be destroyed without the elimination of illiteracy as the first step.

THE VISION
Part II

CONTAINMENT: The Unwritten Law

What is "unwritten law"? When the bondage like circumstances of socioeconomically induced poverty overwhelm an undeveloped and inexperienced young mind, bizarre behavior (crime) may be the only way he knows how to respond. Many poor people sympathize with this particular frame of reference and share a common belief that their poverty is somehow perpetuated by the system. This allows a large portion of our youth to not feel embarrassed or remorseful in their commission of crime. Combined with the fact that poverty is socioeconomically designed are unwritten laws that contain poor people in reserved areas of land called ghettoes. For instance, the written law states that you have the right to live or visit someone in any area of public domain. However, the **unwritten law of containment** states, "move into this area, step across this boundary line, or get caught around here after dark and you're dead." The written laws are buried so deep in judicial jargon that a person needs a lawyer just to argue a simple complaint or to prove a minute innocence. This level of complication helps many to not understand written law and therefore not believe in it. If police did not tour neighborhoods and enforce written

laws, hardly anyone would obey them; least of all the povertized youth of today. On the other hand, the **unwritten laws of containment** are upheld and enforced by the citizenry. That is why you can ask the average povertized youth which streets are his neighbor hood's boundary lines, and ninety-nine times out of a hundred, he will know. Although it is not inscribed in law books, povertized youth instinctively know that they are subject to harassment, bodily harm and possibly death if they go beyond their boundary line. That is the **unwritten law of containment.**

Another unwritten law of containment is the policy of viewing most blacks as potential criminals, or hardened and accomplished criminals. This unwritten law makes it extremely difficult for poor youths to venture out of their own community (blacks and Hispanics, in particular). History has taught them that as soon as they cross the boundary line, they become suspect to...whatever. Therefore, those youth who have chosen crime as their ticket to fulfilling the American Dream soon realize that the most safest and risk-free areas to commit crime is in their own neighborhoods. In the black community, it is this frame of reference that has produced the present rash of black-on-black crime. However, the irony of the matter is: If poor people realize that their poverty is socioeconomically induced then they must also realize that conservative supporters of socioeconomically induced poverty foresaw the rise of crime as a reactionary condition of today's economic crisis. The proof is in the manner in which they are preparing for the reactions of our youth. Simply, they are changing the laws and building more prisons.

The most obvious and recommended remedy to this dilemma is to get an education that will allow access to a higher standard of living. For an individual, this remedy is excellent. However, for every individual who escapes poverty through education, there are thousands (perhaps millions) who are snared in poverty's grasp through illiteracy. What is needed is a program that is designed to uplift and encourage our youth toward getting a proper education BEFORE they are caught in a vicious cycle of recidivism. Added to this program, there must be a community network established that reinforces one's educational,

economical, political and social growth and development when he returns to society. Otherwise, as our youth return home, they will soon lose their direction (as recidivism indicates) and fall victim to the effects of the unwritten laws of containment. Thus, the cycle of death and incarceration continues.

For those who believe in ***The Six Principles of Growth and Development***, there is only one way in which we can overcome this crisis. We must *ORGANIZE* our lives toward specific goals and objectives. THE VISION has made us aware of the need to organize our lives. Similarly, the New Concept has given us an "order" to guide our lives in the proper and positive directions of educational, economical, political and social growth and development. Since the fundamental problem confronting us is one of accomplishing positive GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT, the time has come to settle our differences and place everything that we have into the service of our struggle. Personality conflicts and differences of opinion will exist, but they must be pushed aside. Our main concerns, from this point on, must be based upon positive GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT.

We are aware that certain elements of society have unwritten laws of containment that they enforce, defend and live by; and, that these laws are race and class discriminatory in their application. However, this should this should serve only to motivate us beyond falling into the traps of death and incarceration. Just as government leaders foresaw the rise of crime as a reactionary condition of socioeconomically induced poverty and provided for it by expanding America's penal system; THE VISION foresees the eventual class X-termination of a large portion of our youth through death, incarceration and recidivism and have prepared a way for us to avoid these traps by adhering to the teachings of the New Concept and live accordingly. Or, we can continue to accept death, incarceration and recidivism.

THE TRAP: An American Dream

Most incarcerated youths have grown up without any comprehension of the inner workings of their mind. It is frightening to visualize what the future holds for these

youngsters. For them it is a struggle just to get a G.E.D.; but it is even worse when one has gotten his G.E.D. and still is incapable of reading and writing properly, doing simple math problems correctly, or even thinking in a logical manner. Education, in prison, is microscopic of what is happening in schools across America. Our youth are being programmed with the hope that they will become will subjects of the system. They are not being taught how to think positively of themselves. Nor are they learning how to manage their lives after school. Rather, in their leisure time, our youth are becoming robots of "street language, fashions and fads. Their ambitions are fed to them through the concept of "it's the 'in' thang to do." The clever statements and sharp retorts of Hollywood cops and robbers are highly fashionable to a developing teenage mind. Phrases, such as "Make my day." have become more than just harmlessly clever television script. Our youth are taking such phrases and turning them into attitudes. Consequently, they are walking in a John Wayne stride, carrying a Clint Eastwood pistol and hoping that someone will "Make my day." This is only a small example of how our youth are being misled through the media. However, it also illustrates why a New Concept of life is needed.

Television and its commercials is what sells the concept of chasing the American Dream. This is well and good for the promotion, advertisement and sale of the stuff that dreams are made of. However, in comparison, television rarely describes positive and *realistic* means by which the American Dream is attainable. Through television, the burning desire to achieve material success is planted early in a poor person's mind; yet his only real frame of reference (as to how he will acquire these things) is the ghetto. Most of his prime examples of success are the dope dealers, pimps and whores, hustlers, junkies, thieves and con artists. Of course, he looks up to the Michael Jordans and Michael Jacksons of the world, but he does not know Michael Jordan. He cannot touch Michael Jackson and can only see these people on television. Opposite this reality is the dope dealer who is always available and visible and can be touched and talked to daily. The pimps' fancy cars are real, not commercials. These negative elements of our community

are the "real" heroes because in the minds of ghetto youth they have used their wit to fulfill the American Dream. Star athletes, entertainers and other such role models are so far removed and inaccessible, that they are not considered part of our youth's real world. For instance, "The Cosby Show" was the highest rated sitcom on television and is filled with humorist examples of black role modeling. Still, "The Cosby Show" is purely entertainment and the average ghetto youth will quickly counter that "many of the most successful athletes and entertainers still have to pay the dope man, eventually." In that single statement lies the potential death and incarceration of a whole generation and throughout the ghettoes of America, dope dealers, pimps and whores, hustlers, thieves and con artists are becoming as American as apple pie. In povertized America, these negative elements have become the heroes and role models of a lost generation.

The main question that confronts society is: What can be done to change the negative direction of our youth? For those who believe in ***The Six Principles of GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT***, and perhaps for all of society, the answer lies in our ability to perceive THE VISION of Larry Hoover and work toward making it a reality.

FREEDOM: The Vision

THE VISION is a definition of long range goals and objectives and has put into operation the "order" for us to begin fulfilling these goals and objectives immediately. THE VISION is for us to acquire marketable skills that will provide us with a legal avenue of financial support. THE VISION dictates that we learn the political processes of our community and become involved to the extent of having a voice in our destiny; that we conduct ourselves in a manner that is compatible to our community; that we frown upon the senseless rape, robbery, burglary, theft and murder that is rampant in our community; that we establish ourselves in business that is an asset to ourselves as well as to our community; that we set examples that will make it safe for our youth to be a part of us; and

ultimately, that we eliminate the awesome rate of recidivism that is the experience of a large portion of our youth.

In comparison to the American Dream, THE VISION offers our youth an ideal to strive for instead of a "dream" to be chased. An ideal requires that a person take on a certain attitude and conduct with particular morals and definite goals and objectives. According to the ideal of THE VISION, it is no longer fashionable to pimp our women, sell suicide to our brothers on an installment plan, or rob, con, steal, kill and beg for a living. Of course, we cannot assume the obligation of totally eliminating these negative aspects from our community (for we are not wholly responsible for these elements being in our community), but we are obligated to set an example of a better way for our youth. THE VISION allows us to see where we are headed (premature death and incarceration) if we do not change our direction. Therefore, the Leadership has set forth a New Concept for those who wish to become a positive element geared toward working with our community instead of against it.

Unlike the American Dream, THE VISION combines the history of where we have been with the reality of where we are at. It projects into our minds the kind of thinking and type of conduct necessary for us to free ourselves from the vicious cycle of recidivism resultant from chasing the American Dream.

By reducing the unnecessary and negative aspects of our lifestyle, we can create the time, space, atmosphere and opportunities to GROW and DEVELOP into a reckoning power of people. THE VISION offers us the opportunity to change; it creates in us the atmosphere for change; and, by removing the negative implications of the "old concept," THE VISION creates the inner-space needed for change. However, it is exclusively up to you to decide how to best manage your time to create a positive change (but remember, in whatever way your time is spent, it will reflect in your conduct).

THE VISION works for those who spend their time developing an attitude of Love (the 1st principle) and prosperity; it works against those who spend their time in self-

hatred, self-pity, doubt, insignificant complaints, harboring envy, jealousy and hostility toward others or any degree of disloyal behavior. Those whose time is spent on negative and depressing attitudes are inviting negative and depressing circumstances into their future. On the other hand, those who think, act, feel and speak in the manner of Love and prosperity are elevating themselves to such states where Love and Prosperity reside and they will receive the same throughout their future.

Thus, THE VISION is that we dedicate ourselves to a war on illiteracy; that we pursue professional business careers such as accounting, drafting, computer sciences, business management, etc.; that we master the trades of industry such as brick masonry, building and road construction, textiles, machine shop, surveying, welding, etc.; that we acquire knowledge and expertise in areas that are needed in our community such as plumbing, carpentry, building management and maintenance, auto body repairs, auto mechanic, etc.; that we prepare ourselves to become small business administrators in areas such as grocery stores, clothing stores, hardwares, entertainment (lounges and dance halls), distributors of general household merchandise, etc.; that we amass credentials such as certificates, diplomas and degrees as statements of our desire to excel positively; that we expand our views to include the educational, economical, political and social realities of society; that we begin to value the positive implications of "righteous endeavors;" that we ask not "How much will I make"? But rather we should ask, "Is this action in harmony with the Six Principles of Growth and Development?" And most importantly, we must change our conduct and attitude to fit THE VISION by making our actions reflect the same.

Therefore, THE VISION demands that we study, think hard and debate these laws and principles. ***The Six Principles of GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT*** contain the translation of the New Concept and the keys to our survival. If one is to understand the philosophy of the New Concept, then these laws and principles must be accepted, understood and lived by.

WARNING: The Written Law

Too long have we toyed with pleasant but unproductive dreams. Now it is time to deal with the hard facts of our condition.

THE VISION *WARNS US* that there are many who hope and pray for our destruction. Rather than assist us in our GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT, they would lock us away and swallow the key. In their minds we are class X-human beings and they are blind to our needs. They no longer view our situation as being worthy of efforts to rehabilitate.

THE VISION *WARNS US* that in the minds of many, building a prison is comparable to the business of warehousing, with human lives as the commodity in trade. Entire communities are rallying in favor of building such "warehouses" in their areas. Like colonial American slaves being delivered to their new owners, these warehouses for X-human beings are the fashionable thing to build in any rural community.

THE VISION *WARNS US* that many abandoned farmers have now found relief. "Let's build a prison" has become the *"FINAL SOLUTION"* for the economic woes of numerous rural communities.

THE VISION *WARNS US* that in prison, as in any other business, the main objective is to keep an abundant (overcrowded) and constant (recidivism) supply of the commodity (poor, ghetto youth) that is in demand. Otherwise, you will end up with empty, nonprofitable warehouses. However, the paradox of prison as big business is, now people are given extended sentences (many are held indefinitely beyond the original stipulations of their sentences under the "old law") in order to guarantee the employment of friends, families and constituents of local politicians and legislators. The ploy that these legislators would have the general public believe is that such drastic changes in the law (aimed at poor, ghetto youth) will make streets safe and deter crime. This is a farce because crime has not been deterred, the streets are not any safer and the only real benefactors are the unemployed farmers of rural America. Add this to the fact that over 65

percent of prisoners nationwide are Black and Hispanic, 90 percent are poor, and it seems that America's prisons are fast becoming the ***"FINAL SOLUTION"*** to societies social inequities. As Black African Americans our present situation is comparable to the Jews of Hitler's Germany. In order for Hitler to pull off his ***"final solution"*** he simply changed the laws of his country. Thereby making it legal for him to imprison the Jews, massively. Sound familiar? It should.

THE VISION *WARNS US* that if no one is made aware of the long term effect of such blatant judicial ploys, generations of poor youth will suffer and perish for years to come. Therefore, THE VISION is to reverse the negative trend of premature death, incarceration and recidivism that has wrapped around our youth like a hungry serpent.

For this reason, THE VISION has AWAKENED a NEW CONCEPT called ***GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT.***

CHAPTER 3

THE FORKS OF LIFE

A CROSSROAD

Upon being introduced to the teachings of GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT, we find ourselves at a crossroad in our lives.

Under the "old concept," the crossed forks represented a negative way of life. We "crossed 'em up" on our chest in order to show allegiance to a gang's turf. We tattooed the crossed forks on our arms, chest, etc., in order to show a rebellious, defiant attitude toward society's laws and rules. We boldly stated that we were outlaws belonging to a criminal "mob". Many have killed and died representing the negative aspect of the crossed forks. Some of us even went as far as to believe the crossed forks were the sign of evil. They are not. However, such a negative view and insane belief justified our passion in the execution of crime. Now it is time to turn all this around and LIVE according to the true meaning of The Forks of Life.

Under the "New Concept," the Forks of Life represent the physical and spiritual (mental) sides of man. Our teachings are universal in the sense that everyone on earth is confronted with ***crossroads*** throughout his or her life. Have you ever heard the proverbial saying, "A fork in the road"? Well, when people use that term they are talking about a ***crossroad*** in his or her life.

The Forks of Life represent the ***crossroads*** in our lives from the beginning to the end. Growth and development in the beginning of one's life is natural and unimpeded. At birth, the power to grow and develop is instilled in us and nurtured and stimulated by our

environment. The first level of growth and development begins in our mother's womb. The cells join and unfold until what emerges is a fully formed child. From that point, quite naturally and without effort on our part, the various ***crossroads*** of life succeed one another. Once born, the baby begins to focus his eyes, to reach out and touch things, to move things around if possible, making sounds that he discovers causes others to respond (like crying for milk, laughing for affection). Soon he confronts the challenge of sitting up (***a crossroad***), walking (***a crossroad***) and finally talking (a most difficult ***crossroad***). All people everywhere have had to succeed the challenge of these crossroads. They are only stages in one's growth and development; stages we all had to meet and overcome in order to survive. Each time that we approach a new behavior like going from crawling to walking, we are confronted with a ***crossroad***; a point at which we have to decide to move forward. Such ***crossroads*** continue throughout life in the form of major decisions that affect our future. One example is when we turn sixteen and are confronted with the decision (a ***crossroad***) of whether or not to stay in school. Or, when we graduate from high school , the ***crossroad*** is whether or not we should go on to college.

Often, being in jail represents a ***crossroad***. You begin to realize that it's time to make a change. But as ***crossroads*** go, you are given two ways from which to choose; the positive and the negative. You can become deeply enmeshed in the causes that landed you in jail, or you can begin to pay attention to that inner voice (your conscience) that is telling the right way to go. We must realize that when we choose negative over positive we help to sustain prison as BIG business. In other words, when we choose not to live according to the "new Concept" we guarantee ourselves a negative life; a life filled with death incarceration.

We are confronted with ***crossroads*** before we go to prison, jail or death. Nobody is born a criminal. At some point in our life, we were confronted with the decision of "picking up that gun," "dealing those drugs," "robbing that person or store" or "breaking into that home or business." At the very moment that we are confronted with the decision

to do something wrong, we are also given the opportunity to decide what is right. Any such situation represents a ***crossroad*** and that is what the crossed forks represent, the many ***crossroads*** in one's life.

When we find ourselves in trouble, we reflect upon the circumstances that got us into trouble in the first place; we reflect upon our past which is, usually, filled with the same negative behavior that got us into trouble in the first place. When trouble brings us to a ***crossroad***, we are <u>always</u> confronted with the decision to change our behavior or not. What are the steps we need to take in order to change our behavior?

At the moment that we find ourselves in trouble, most of us cannot see a realistic avenue for changing our behavior. usually, we just "roll with the punches" and "take come what may." Sure, there are schools, there are sports, there are trades, there's labor and there's business. But how does one get into the PROPER FRAME OF MIND to pursue dreams of legitimate success when our community's real heroes and role models are big time hustlers, pimps, gangbangers, drug dealers, whores and players? When one has grown up in a community where, in his eyes, the most successful person that he comes into contact with is a street hustler or gangbanging drug dealer, what can be done to encourage him to strive for legitimate avenues of success instead? These are some of the questions that our New Concept (GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT) will answer. However, society views us as sociopaths and seeks the easy way out. Yes, society has devolved to only one way of dealing with the problems of crime and recidivism. That is to say, "THREE STRIKES YOU'RE OUT! LOCK 'EM UP AND SWALLOW THE KEY! BUILD MORE PRISONS!" ETC., ETC., ETC. But as men, what are <u>OUR</u> answers to <u>OUR</u> problems? What do we have to offer as an alternative solution to society's cry for imprisonment and death? Are we saying that we are not intelligent enough to discover/create workable answers when KNOWLEDGE is our 4th principle? Are we saying that we do not have the WISDOM to see

that "drive-bys" and drug dealing are only keys to open the door of genocide on Blacks in particular and poor people in general? Are we saying that we do not understand how to change our attitude, behavior and lifestyle when UNDERSTANDING is our 6th principle? These questions places us at the most important ***crossroad*** of our lives. The answer to these questions will determine whether or not our struggle to change from the "old concept" to the New Concept will be successful. We are confronted with the challenge of using, and actually living according to, the principles we have set forth as **truth**. We must begin by changing our perspective, our attitude and the way that we project ourselves to the world. In order to do this, we must change the way we look at LOVE, LIFE and LOYALTY; our first three principles.

Over the last decade our organization, **GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT**, has been undergoing a major change --- the kind of change which is touching and transforming every part of our lives, both public and private. This change is different from the types of changes we have experienced in the past. It is more than a change from the rank and file command system from Generals to Coordinators. It is more than simply adding another law to make the number 17 instead 16. It is more than merely changing the name from "Gangster Disciples" to "**GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT.**" Rather, it is a change from evil to good; from negative to positive; from secret to open; from hidden to unhidden; from illiterate to literate; and from the "old concept" to the New Concept. Our six principles are pushing us at breath-taking speed to prepare us for the changes which our education and past experiences have failed to help us realize. The ability to handle the difficulties involved in such changes lie within ourselves; that is to say, in our attitude toward these changes. Many of us still long for the "good old days," without realizing that **THERE IS NO GOING BACK**. We cannot even stay where we are. If we are to grow and develop, we must move forward with courage to a NEW day; a NEW way of coping; and a NEW way of life. Our problems cannot be reduced to a simple solution. We cannot simply jump on bandwagons like political groups and or religious groups and

expect to effect the proper change in our organization. If we did we would surely lose our members and the overall change would be ineffectual toward stopping gang violence in the streets. Simply put, our membership is not prepared to buy a "pie in the sky" deal.

The New Concept is saying that we have to be men enough to create our own foundation (which is **GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT**) instead of trying to jump on the bandwagon of others. In this sense, The Forks of Life represent another ***crossroad***. Are we to do the necessarily difficult work of creating our own stable, firm foundation (**GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT**) or will we succumb to what others offer as an escape from our past? For me, the answer is simple but each man must decide for himself.

When it comes to changing one's lifestyle, most of us are torn between accepting it in some areas and not in others. We become participants in an inner struggle that will decide our future; a ***crossroad***. The question goes something like this: How can we enter mainstream society and at the same time not lose our uniqueness as an organization? The answer can be found in understanding the creative force of the six principles. The Forks of Life represent change and change is the most important aspect of Growth and Development. Growth and development (change) is a basic part of nature. Nothing in nature remains absolutely the same and the ability to grow and develop is built into every individual naturally. Our survival depends on our becoming re-educated with the proper integrity, achieving a new awareness and establishing a moral core of values. And above all, survival means Growth and Development, i.e., finding the proper way to use our new knowledge and resources.

The kind of change that the Forks of Life represent, the kind that all alone can ensure our survival, is personal Growth and Development; Growth and Development of talents, of relationships, of love and loyalties, Growth and Development of a capacity to see and hear more deeply the true meanings of life. Growth and Development in these areas change individuals and organizations and can free us for more courageous and competent action in all areas of our lives. When we continue to grow and develop and

maintain our capacity for change and openness, the hope of our future generations is contained within the Forks of Life.

The birth of GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT was one ***crossroad***. Now we are at another ***crossroad*** for our organization. Today's ***crossroad*** is just as important for our organization as going from crawling to walking is for a baby. We must (even as a baby must) move forward. The Forks of Life represent all the ***crossroads*** in one's life and particularly the ***crossroads*** we are confronted with today as an organization. To go from the "old" to the "new," that is our ***crossroads***.

Finally, the Forks of Life represent our physical and spiritual (mental) strength. Each prong of the forks uphold a particular principle. Whenever we are confronted with a challenging situation such as changing our lifestyle, the Forks of Life represent the strength that we can find in studying and applying our six principles. The Forks of Life bear witness to the many struggles (***crossroads***) that life confronts us with. However, more than anything else, the Forks of Life symbolize our constant forward thrust.

Armed with **Love, Life, Loyalty, Knowledge, Wisdom** and **Understanding** resting upon the prongs of the Forks of Life, we push forward into society, not to destroy but to build.

CHAPTER 4

THE AWAKENING:

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A NEW CONCEPT

Our New Concept contains a rare exposure of **Knowledge, Wisdom** and **Understanding** that can change the way we think by revealing a truth of which we were unaware. By utilizing our **New Concept,** we can move to New-horizons, heretofore unimaginable.

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The New Concept is slowly, but firmly, molding our lives into a network of principles and rules for the guidance and appraisal of our conduct. In the least, we are being fused into morality, a conscious effort to do what is "right" and in accordance to our teachings. We are fast becoming a working, thinking and planning group of people with common goals that unite us around an **ideological** concept of ourselves (called ORGANIZATION).

However, the primary task of our New Concept is:

- AWARENESS --- with this we can arm ourselves with the knowledge of what we need, why we need it and how we can acquire it.
- PREPAREDNESS --- this is a large part of our struggle. We must PREPARE our own alternatives to save our brothers who are trapped in "penal warehouses" without a purpose or mission in life. Death or incarceration has been the most widely used exits from our frustrations. We must

begin to PREPARE other exits. If we do not PREPARE our own alternatives to save ourselves, we will continue to be shuffled in and out of these "human warehouses."

- WHO --- Anyone WHO supports or condones the "systematic warehousing," and destruction of our people is, in essence, an enemy. By allowing themselves to become tools of this system, these people perpetuate it and its inherent evils. Liberals are just as guilty as the extreme right because by tolerating these injustices, by adjusting to society's discrimination and by simply **remaining silent**, they compromise their own integrity and allow the evils of this system to endure.
- WHAT --- However, more important than knowing WHO the enemy is, is knowing WHAT the enemy is... *ILLITERACY* is our No. w enemy. Our lack of education has been designed by this system with the specific intent of keeping us **unaware** of our **true** potential.
    - ***A.P.W.W.***
    - A = *AWARENESS*
    - P = *PREPAREDNESS*
    - W= *WHO IS THE ENEMY?*
    - W = *WHAT IS THE ENEMY?*

AWARENESS

The proper knowledge for our purpose is an invaluable asset to our success. Yet many of us are still "in the dark" or unsure about what is "the proper knowledge for our purpose." Some of us are still chasing the ghost of Donald Goines, never becoming **aware**

of the fact that proper knowledge is knowledge that is designed to **REBUILD** lasting bridges between us and our communities. The proper knowledge for our purpose is that which helps us to **fully** understand just how these bridges came to be destroyed in the first place.

AWARENESS of ourselves and our true condition is invaluable to the success of our New Concept. **AWARENESS** awakens us to the fact that we must cease fooling ourselves that we are living our own lives, whereas for the most part , our lives are being lived for us by forces of which we are unaware, of which we often do not understand and of which we have **very little control**.

For Example:

Our past lifestyles were only a reaction to an environmental condition, the ghetto. The ghetto, with its overcrowdedness and unending insanity, provides an enticing place for crime of all sorts.

The ghetto throw s desperate and unhappy people into an unbearable closeness, thereby increasing potential frictions, giving birth to never-ending quarrels of accusation and vindictiveness which produces "gangbanging" personalities. Black on Black crime is on the rise. Drug addiction is epidemic. Incurable diseases (AIDS & HERPES) have become common and chaos is everywhere.

While all the above is going on. we are forced to witness the controllers of this land being caught in lies of fraud and deceit, biocide (the destruction of our children), fraternicide (brother killing brother), homicide and genocide.

The TOTAL destruction of a race or group of people has become the "order" of the day.

The Ghetto concentrates these pressures and tensions and injects them into our individual personalities causing most of us to become opportunistic, parasitic and exploitive of our own kind.

Because of this, one can clearly see why we have not been in control of our destiny. By "plugging-in" to our New Concept and its inherent program of AWARENESS, we can gain a clearer grasp on our problems and a more intelligent understanding of how to solve them. In this manner, AWARENESS not only helps us to survive as an organization, but it allows us to hold fast and steady during these times of change. It allows us to GROW, to DEVELOP and to gain mastery over our destiny.

In prison, as well as in free society, we are surrounded by fools. degenerates and phonies. We suffer a constant bombardment of nonsense from all sides. Twenty-four hours a day, our senses must endure the shock of these attacks from the lunatic fringe. Most of us want to resist this madness, but do not know how we should go about doing it. We are aware of it, but confused by it because we allow ourselves to get caught-up in it. Being caught-up in some sort of madness happens when a brother lacks a ***full commitment*** to our New Concept's teaching that AWARENESS is the product of study and observation of any given situation by not getting caught-up in it. Once this is internalized, the more rapidly our present environment will slip away from us, and the more rapidly our potentials will turn into reality. As our GROWTH DEVELOPMENT churns faster, we will not only be pressured to devote more mental resources toward thinking about the future. but also to extend our mental horizon to be able to *see* (basically) how much more beautiful, glorious and peaceful our future will be under the New Concept.

Of course, some individuals may project themselves so far into the future (for such long periods of time) that their hopes, dreams and anticipation's may become escapist fantasies. However, far more common will be those individuals whose anticipation's are so thin and short-ranged that they will be continually surprised and flustered by our change. Even though the AWARENESS level of our organization has not, nor will not change overnight, the emergence of the New Concept was surprising sudden and for this reason, real mobilization may occur mush sooner than our past disorganization would suggest.

However, be ***AWARE*** that when the "system" finds out that we have become aware of who we are (and with that awareness then understand who they are), they will stop at nothing in efforts to destroy us. Therefore, our next level of GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT has to be...

PREPAREDNESS

What time is it? I don't know! Nobody knows, but even the blind and hard of hearing know that it is very late and the road ahead is long and rocky. So evidently, it is time to ***PREPARE***.

Our New Concept teaches us that our organization is based upon positive organized GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT. Growth & development builds in stages. It is cool and romantic, it is stalking and being stalked, it is "the system" rising above our level of intelligence to repress us and it our membership learning how to counter their repression and again pull ourselves above their efforts to destroy us. Because of this, we must be in a constant state of ***PREPAREDNESS***.

Our past appeals to the power structure have done us no good. How ridiculous we must have seemed when we expected government agencies to investigate the wrongs flung upon us by this system. We must learn from our past mistakes and realize that the only thing that power understands is more power (not necessarily destructive). ***We have the power!*** However, what can be accomplished tomorrow depends upon how well we can ***prepare*** ourselves today.

PREPAREDNESS does not come by itself. Neither time nor desire alone will ensure our being **PREPARED** against all opposition.

PREPAREDNESS is not a gift, but a victory. In order for us to be ***prepared*** against all odds we have to work hard, strive and toil, combat the negativity of our environment, rebuild our financial status, re-educate ourselves and properly educate our youth, subdue adverse circumstances and situations and at all times be **ideologically alert.**

In the "Positive Thinking/Morale" letter, the three steps of ***preparedness*** are explained. They are: **1.** Define the problem; **2.** propose solutions; and, **3.** propose steps by which we can organize and struggle to reach the solutions. Debate, Discussion and dialogue; the cut and thrust of argument, will greatly help us to clarify our thoughts and begin to see more plainly the problems for which we must ***prepare*** ourselves.

One of our problems is that most of us are more ready to die for our struggle that we are ***prepared*** to study, think, analyze, plan and organize. However, to die for our cause is a one-shot deal. To live for this struggle demands that we take on the more difficult commitment of changing our day to day lifestyles. It is a proven fact that the most strongest and most durable of organizations are based upon the maximum educational, economical, political and social development of its members. For this reason, we must put all of our time and energy into developing ways and means by which we can build, learn and GROW.

Our New Concept is a sanctuary in which a sincere and serious brother can examine his problems, work toward solving them, go out and experiment the solution, return to our thinkers and planners for more work (if needed) and, eventually arrive at the assurance that he is now ***prepared*** to be a trajectory of strength, inner freedom and maturity in the community. Still, some of us try to sort of "slip and slide" from day to day, hoping that no one will ever really make us face ourselves. Brothers, we cannot afford to fail to realize that ***internal discipline*** is the only thing that can ***prepare*** us for the external forces that are planning our systematic destruction. To be ***prepared*** for anything, you

must make it the central point in your life... *IT MUST COME FIRST!* Because, if you try to act without sufficient ***preparations***, you will undoubtedly fall into unsuspecting danger.

There is one power which ***no force*** of opposition can destroy and that power is the enthusiasm and determination of a *PREPARED* people. Therefore, our measure of ***preparedness*** will only be significant when we can be mobilized to act in ***unswerving unison*** on any matter designated by the Leadership.

Note: Remember and study "The System of the 5-P's."

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WHO is the enemy?

The October 28, 1982 letter regarding the ***awareness session document***, gave us a brief outline of WHO the enemy is.

When we are defined by those other than ourselves, the qualities assigned to us is usually not in our best interest. Rather, they reflect the roles that our adversary intends for us play. To add insult to injury, they would like for us to believe that the only for us to relieve our condition is through the government; the same government agency which, in fact, profits from our incarceration. Obviously, we are faced with the need to organize some inner/outer defenses to the open abuses of this system.

- WHO IS THE ENEMY, are the ***who*** spread this systems' treacherous principles of deceit, negative, indoctrination and brain washing; those ***who*** indulge in the criminal activity of teaching ***submission, fear*** and ***love*** for an enemy ***who*** hates

the very color Black and is determined to commit genocide on a national scale.

- In the midst of a hostile, racist nation whose racism is rising to the surface at a phenomenal speed , ***who*** of us is still so blind to our struggle for **educational, economical, political** and **social development** that they are continuing to function in futile, petty ways??? We will not succeed until we ***fully understand*** the fact that the enemy is ***aware, disguised, determined*** and ***mercilessly counter-intelligence.***

We must begin to understand that the "mental acrobats" of this systems' attempts to explain away the existence of our ability to change does not end when we are released. These "mental acrobats" are political in nature and are designed to discredit our movement (through the news media) by reducing it to the concept of a "gang" in the eyes of the general public. For us to witness this level of "trickology," yet do nothing to combat it is ***self-destructive.*** Ultimately, we will find ourselves (or our loved ones) continually being the victim of these unjust conditions. We must begin to realize that the end goal of this systems' "mental acrobats" of "trickology" is **TO KEEP US COMING BACK TO PRISON!** Because of this, no one should fight as hard to remove and relieve this situation as us, ***WE WHO SUFFER FROM IT!***

For centuries, this country's favorite and most effective strategy to conquer a people has been. keep them fighting among themselves. The ***divide and conquer*** technique is not merely accidental, it is an ***organized tool of destruction.*** Our knowledge of this deliberated form of destruction should steel our hearts with an obsessive desire to become more organized and unified. Instead, as soon as our anger subsides, we allow our adversary to move in and retake the ground it has been forced to give. We must fear this mistake far more than the strategy of our adversary.

In order for us to ***grow*** and ***develop***, we must face and overcome these challenges. However, in order for us to face these challenges realistically, requires power, persistence and a thorough understanding of ***WHO*** our enemies are. As Malcolm X once stated, and I paraphrase, "When someone misuses you, you defend yourself. If they are inclined to continue misusing you, you move from the defensive to the offensive." Because our struggle is one of ***intellect***, we must become ***intellectually offensive*** in our attack on these problems. Becoming ***intellectually offensive*** is what our New Concept is all about.

WHAT is the enemy?

Exactly ***what*** is our enemy? Is it man, beast, automation or technology? It is none of the above. The most formidable of all our foes resides in the uncharted recesses of our minds and is called ***ILLITERACY.***

ILLITERACY stiffens and inhibits the minds and hearts of most men causing them to be incapable of acting their defense when confronted with a problem that requires ***thinking, planning, analyzing and organizing.***

For instance:

- Our ***illiteracy*** allows us to be wooed and lulled into captivity by thinking that uzi's, nickel plated 45's and neon lights at night is where the action is. Our ***illiteracy*** allows the soft music and hard "rap" from ghetto discotheques and "dough-nut wheeled 'gangster leans'" to serve as balm to our thwarted hopes; it destroys out highest dreams; it brutally suppresses our much needed change.
- Our ***illiteracy*** keeps us in a coma while social injustices continue to sweep the neighborhood asphalt from under our feet, landing us in these "human warehouses" called prison.

Each one of us carries in our mind, not merely a picture of ourselves at present (a self-image), but also a set of pictures of how we wish to be in the future. ***Illiteracy*** is WHAT stops that picture from becoming a reality.

The task of bringing our leadership's **VISION** to reality can only be accomplished by the thoroughness of our organization to heighten the intellectual level of its members. The **VISION** is a call for us to leave the protecting familiarity of the "old concept" and step boldly and proudly into the positive possibilities inherent in the New Concept. The **VISION** is a ***vision*** of ***true freedom***. It involves the confrontation of the unknown (***illiteracy***) and the untried (***organization***).

We should never make it easy for our enemy (***illiteracy***) by relaxing. Because, at this stage of our ***growth & development***, examples are crucially important and only cowards give up when the odds look bad. However, the dedicated ***know*** that they are right and attempt to win no matter WHAT the odds are. Therefore, it is the purpose of this book to expose ***WHAT*** the enemy is. Nevertheless, it is another thing to destroy this enemy. It has been the former that much of our activity and thought has been concerned with in the past. Yet, it is the latter that we must concern ourselves with NOW. In order for us to pressure this system into allowing us to pursue our true interests of ***growth & development***, ours has to be a better system. We have to be confident of ourselves. We cannot allow embarrassment nor shyness stand in our way to true freedom from ***illiteracy***.

The **VISION** of our struggle is for us to merge our personal development with the educational, economical, political and social development to the point where they are no longer separate. These things, often called impossible, turn out to be very possible when certain "unknown forces" are brought into action. Our New Concept brings into actions these certain "unknown forces" by which we can free ourselves from these chains of ***ILLITERACY***

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However, it is not by chance that we are changing. There is no accident in our Leadership's plan. We are here, on this earth, for ***a definite purpose***... AWAKEN!!!

CHAPTER 5

THE UNIVERSAL LAWS OF EXISTENCE

UNIVERSAL LAW **is the** ***AWARENESS*** **that there are 360 degrees of** ***LOVE, LIFE, LOYALTY, KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM*** **and** ***UNDERSTANDING*** **in all peoples of the earth; that** ***LIFE*** **has within it the necessary strength to gather from itself all that is needed for its** ***GROWTH*** **&** ***DEVELOPMENT.***

1. THE LAW OF LOVE:

The Law of Love is that which recognizes the good in others even when they are hidden behind shields of negativity, ignorance and stupidity; even when they are covered by the masks of greed, lust and power. The Law of Love is that which allows us to see beyond these barriers to the potential good which lies hidden and awaits freedom from the deep imprisonment of falsehood.

To date, in the 'higher' animal world there is only one occupant: HUMANKIND. The two most important things that separate Humankind from the 'lower' animal world are 1. MIND - Man's ability to think and build from those thoughts and recognize that within him is an essence of something GREATER than himself; and 2. SOUL - That part of us which records and stores every thought, deed (action), attitude and emotion (feeling) that we have ever committed. Based upon the RECORD of our *LOVE*, the ***soul*** then guides us into the unique

position of receiving our just rewards or punishments of our past thoughts, deeds, attitudes and emotions.

For this reason, Humankind's 1st LAW OF EXISTENCE is as ***LOVE***: THE ABILITY TO TREAT OTHERS IN THE SAME MANNER THAT YOU WANT TO BE TREATED.

2. THE LAW OF LIFE:

The Law of Life is the ***awareness*** that who and what you are today is the sum (total) of your thoughts and deeds of the past. It is that which supplies the energy for ***creative purposes***. The Law of Life is like the pen of a writer who carves stories out of nowhere. With his pen, he ***creates*** different situations, ***creates*** his own boundaries. ***creates*** the shapes and forms of many characters, ***creates*** the limitations that confine him and he can ***create*** "NEW CONCEPTS" that will expand his limitations and release him from confinement. The Law of Life gives us the ability to consciously ***create, re-create*** and ***procreate...*** life. In this manner, we are free... to ***create*** our own destiny. However, freedom is not the final stage of *LIFE*, for none of us are truly free until each one of us is totally free.

From a religious standpoint, we are born physically as MAN, mentally as MIND and spiritually as SOUL. *THREEFOLD!* MAN is the physical and a perfect living example of an essence GREATER than himself. Through mind, MAN has built that which he is. Through soul, MAN will forever seek the position of receiving those rewards or punishments which he has built through mind; and in MAN (the flesh). we EXPERIENCE that which we have built through mind as good or bad. and through soul as failure or growth.

MIND is the ***builder.*** That which we think, we become. That which we are, we reflect. That which we reflect, we are judged by... be it positive or negative.

SOUL is that which "urges" our ***will*** to make certain decisions which will guide us into the unique positions of receiving our just rewards or punishments from LIFE. For in SOUL, you will find the 'image' of *THE ONE CREATIVE FORCE*, our inner essence.

For this reason, HUMANKIND'S 2ND LAW OF EXISTENCE is as ***LIFE:*** YOU WILL ONLY GET FROM ***LIFE*** THAT WHICH YOU PUT INTO IT.

3. THE LAW OF LOYALTY:

The Law of Loyalty is based upon ***service*** and ***cooperation*** by promoting harmony and agreement. To manipulate, trick or force a person to act in harmony and agreement is not true ***loyalty*** and will only disrupt established areas of unity. Therefore, a person's ***loyalty*** must be given freely and willfully if it is to amount to anything.

In essence, The Law of Loyalty states that two people working in ***cooperation*** have the power of four people working individually and three people working in ***cooperation*** have the power of nine and four people working in ***cooperation*** have the power of sixteen, etc., etc., etc..... in other words, when we (as a group) agree upon a certain direction, that direction will have the power of many times the number of people involved, thereby making that particular group of people a power to be reckoned with. Whereas, that same direction can be held by an individual, he alone would not be recognized as being a power to be reckoned with. Thus, our understanding of The Law of Loyalty is necessary to our becoming such a power.

The most important degree of The Law of Loyalty is ***service***. ***Service*** in the physical is defined as obedience and cooperating jointly with others. In the "higher sense" it is when you are ***unselfish***, and allow yourself to be a channel through which good may flow to others. Whatever the case, action is necessary to

put ***service*** into operation. ***LOYALTY*** through ***service*** is that which brings us together for a common cause and allows us to cooperate in united action for the purpose and realization of a common goal. Everything in existence ***serves*** a purpose. There is nothing under the sun nor in the unknown reaches of the universe that is not in ***SERVICE*** to organized scheme of things. "To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose." True ***service*** is not a sudden outpouring of energy. Rather, it is a long term commitment and dedication to fulfilling your life's purpose. Although these laws and principles are universal it is evident that humankind cannot be force to adhere to them. True ***service*** cannot be forced. It can only be realized through ***LOYALTY***.

True Freedom is more than an "inalienable right" granted man by man. It is a state of existence (both physical and mental) that is governed by ones ***LOYALTY*** to these truths and principles. Our understanding of The Law of Loyalty can grant us *true freedom*. In other words, our degree of true freedom depends upon our degree of ***loyalty*** to that which we believe in, that which is not destructive to ourselves, our families, our communities, our nation, our organization and the world. We are truly free only as long as our ***service*** remains ***loyal*** to the truths and principles that we know as ***TRUTH***. As we begin to know these truths, and live accordingly, we will find that they will set us free.

We need to analyze ourselves to find out just where we are weak, where we are most likely to fail and then seek reinforcement from *The Creative Force (LOVE)* within us. In times such as these, our ***loyalty*** will assist us in holding on fast and firm to these truth and principles and create unwavering ***service*** to our purpose. For only through our ***loyalty to the service*** of these truths and principles will we find ourselves free and in-tune (***in cooperation***) with a properly organized scheme of things.

For this reason, Humankind's **3rd LAW OF EXISTENCE** is as ***LOYALTY: SERVICE AND COOPERATION WITH AN ORGANIZED SCHEME OF THINGS.***

4. **THE LAW OF KNOWLEDGE:**

What is true and proper ***knowledge***? We have this type of ***knowledge*** when we seek to express less of our personal and selfish desires and more of our ***ideal*** in our relationship to our fellow man. ***True*** and ***proper knowledge*** is the ability to ***grow*** and ***develop*** in harmony with these universal laws and our principles. **KNOWLEDGE is POWER** but when used without *wisdom* it can bring about destruction. Therefore, through ***knowledge*** we must also gain the understanding that this law applies to ***knowledge*** acquired for **"righteous endeavors."** Of course, we should learn the functions of automation and technology because survival in today's society depends upon that particular kind of ***knowledge***. However, it is more important that we acquire the type of ***knowledge*** that creates the process of **growth & development.** ***Such knowledge is power!!!*** Unless ***knowledge*** offers us the means to **grow & develop in** "righteous endeavors," and the ability to live peacefully with others, then it is ***improper knowledge*** and we are failing to fulfill our true purpose in this world.

It is not enough to only be aware of our physical actions. Rather, to ***know*** ourselves as complete expressions of life is to have ***knowledge*** of all that goes on from with to without. Have you ever wondered why our first ***knowledge*** of life was always in the form of opposites? For instance: The truths of life that we learned first were opposites like hot/cold, up/down, in/out, light/dark, cat/dog, boy/girl and black/white. This way of receiving our first ***knowledge*** is natural and worldly in its application. But more than that, ***IT IS UNIVERSAL LAW.*** That means that people (intelligent life anywhere in the known and unknown universe) can only **grow & develop** through learning the ***knowledge of opposites.*** Our

New Concept teaches us that true ***knowledge*** is the ability to KNOW the LEDGE of any thing from one end to its' opposite end... **WITHIN & WITHOUT!**

Knowledge of our principles brings a clearer understanding of our purpose which then allows us to become a "reckoning power of people." Without true ***knowledge*** we have no reason for existence and a people without a purpose will soon be extinct.

For this reason, Humankind's **4th LAW OF EXISTENCE** is as ***KNOWLEDGE:*** **THE ABILITY TO *GROW* & *DEVELOP* THROUGH STUDY, OBSERVATION and APPLICATION.**

5. **THE LAW OF WISDOM:**

The Law of Wisdom supplies an endless understanding of ALL things. ***Wisdom*** indicates that each person has (within himself) goals and objectives for the fulfillment of his purpose in life. However, ***wisdom*** also indicates that such fulfillment can only be accomplished through **GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT.** The Law of Wisdom governs our ability to ***judge*** each degree of any situation --- ranging from extremely wrong to barely wrong and from extremely right to barely right. By Looking at any two situations that are similar in fact, we may **judge** them differently because we have the ***wisdom*** to see the difference between any two situations. Often, you will hear a person say, "Well, so and so did the same thing and such and such didn't happen to him." This person is surely not using his ***wisdom***. If he was, he would surely understand that **all** situations and things are different by LAW. Therefore, it would not be wise to offer the same judgment to similar situations, especially when our ***wisdom*** allows us to see the minute differences of these things. No matter how small the difference may be, it exists.... The Law of Wisdom allows us to recognize **no separateness between the one and the many**, but realizes that each individual has at least one degree of uniqueness

about himself that makes him different from everyone else (although he may be the same as everyone else in all other aspects).

Through unity, The Law of Wisdom encourages us to work together toward common goals even when there seems to be no hope. In this manner a little ***wisdom*** (carefully placed) can tap into greater energies in such a way that thousands can be fed, clothed, sheltered and entire nations can be built. By the same token, the non-use of ***wisdom*** hinders us and causes us to move through life in a robot type behavior pattern. We become purely mechanical in nature by indulging in all the thrills we desire, but we do not progress. The proper use of ***wisdom*** can be seen by those of us whose actions reveal a new direction of self and are living according to the New Concept of our new direction. In this manner, ***wisdom promotes true*** GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT. The Law Of Wisdom governs our ability to see 360 degrees of any situation bit by bit, little by little and degree by degree until we can see the whole situation and make a ***wise*** judgment.

Down through the ages, it has been proven that those who had ***wisdom*** could manipulate those who were ignorant.. However, because ***wisdom*** has such power, it must be completely understood that those who use their ***wisdom*** for destructive purposes are those who shall receive *DEVASTATION*_ in their endeavors on many levels thereafter.

For this reason, Humankind's 5th LAW OF EXISTENCE is as *WISDOM*: THE ABILITY TO APPLY YOUR KNOWLEDGE... *WISELY*.

6. THE LAW OF UNDERSTANDING:

As we continue to GROW & DEVELOP, our awareness and the desire for ***understanding*** increases. The Law of Understanding causes us to probe into the nature of those forces outside of our own control. this law supplies us with the ability to reason and allows us to take a rational approach toward life. In this law is the desire to put things into order; to classify, to see things in the order of cause and

effect. the Law of Understanding rules that small voice in the back of everyone's head and makes them aware of the right thing to do, say and think. The Law of Understanding is commonly known as our "conscience." Because of this, you will often hear a person say, "Something told me to do it this way." In this manner, everyone has ***understanding***, but few of us use our ***understanding*** to its full potential. *WHY*? Perhaps due to our endowment of "***free will***" and our desire to "***do as we please***," most of us do not listen to our conscience. You see The Law of Understanding (our conscience) is neutral to our actions and never does it urge us to act in a certain way. Only ***will*** can ***urge*** us to act in any given manner. However, because The Law of Understanding allows us to ***understand*** the right thing to do and the best direction to take, we can become "channels" for our ***ideal*** (if we would only listen to and heed to The Law of Understanding).

The most important degree of ***understanding*** is RESPECT. Respect for all others as well as yourself and your kind. Respect is the attitude of looking twice as deep into the eyes and hearts of your fellow man; looking twice as deep into any person or situation that confronts you. *Understanding*, when tempered by respect, goes beyond the surface appearances and shallow glances to discover a deeper meaning and purpose for life. Without the attitude of respect for all persons and things, the benefits of The Law of Understanding cannot be realized and our ability to become "reckoning power of people" is greatly diminished. Therefore, the attitude of respect for ***all*** persons and things puts The Law of Understanding into action and the riches of true GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT will blossom like a thousand spring roses.

Thus, when our judgment of things is tempered with respect for that person or thing, we are acting in accordance with The Law of Understanding and in harmony with *LOVE* which is humankind's 1st LAW OF EXISTENCE and

the ***beginning*** and the ***end*** of the 360 degree cycle of life represented by the ***Six-pointed Star of David***, which is our cipher.

For this reason, Humankind's 6th LAW OF EXISTENCE is as *UNDERSTANDING*: THE CROWNING POINT OF ALL *LOVE*, *ALL LIFE*, *ALL LOYALTY*, *ALL KNOWLEDGE* and *ALL WISDOM*.

THE BLUEPRINT OF A NEW CONCEPT

CHAPTER 6

THE FIRST PRINCIPLE: *LOVE*

In preparation for task before us, let us become more aware of our 1st principle, the ***LOVE*** that we may go on and face the VISIONS of our Leadership as those called forth for a purpose. From now on, we must put our ***LOVE*** in its proper perspective by realizing that *LOVE IS THE ONE CREATIVE FORCE OF ALL EXISTENCE.*

Love surpasses all other principles because it is the *FIRST CAUSE* of the creation of humanity. Simply put, without ***love*** there would be no you. Thus, ***love*** can make certain that we progress non-stop toward Educational, Economical, Political and Social Development and pave the way for our necessary change into the New Concept. First we must give our life's energy to ***love*** for each other. All else is secondary. Therefore, we are faced with the question, "AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER"??? ***Love*** asks us to not ignore the shortcomings of our fellow brothers of the struggle, but to ***love*** him in spite of his shortcomings; to show faith in the ***love*** within him that he will catch our Leadership's VISION and in time come to realize his own strength and seek to rise above our past. We need not flatter him nor lead him to over-estimate himself. Rather, we should help him to understand himself and know that he has a friend who will ***aid*** and ***assist*** him in all "righteous endeavors." To that degree, *WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER.*

Each and every one of us is a complete expression of ***love*** and has the right to find joy in our service to the Organization. Because of this, joy should come from our service

even in toil and pain. However, our concept of ***love*** has wandered far from the true meaning of the word. ***Love*** is now used selfishly (more often than not) as an emotion controlled by our individual feelings, wants and desires instead of as the 1st Principle necessary to our survival. Why is this so? Perhaps because we find it easier to continue living in the same manner which we are familiar with, such as drugs, pimping, prostitution, gangbanging, extortion, etc., etc., etc....Or, could it be that we are out to get **"turned on"** by life instead of **"plugged-in"** to righteous living??? If we continue to allow our neighborhood conditions to keep our ability to ***love*** blocked by negative thoughts and attitudes then we are standing in the way of our own success. Since ***love*** is the ***first cause*** of all creation, once it is truly accepted and understood as being our 1st Principle it will naturally ***cause*** us to **grow & develop** into a reckoning power of people.

The power of ***love*** is unlimited and we alone may set its boundaries. ***Love*** is that which uplifts and inspires us. Our children are starving for ***love***. Our mates will wither and decay like waterless roses, without ***love***. Yet, ***love*** costs nothing and its value cannot be measure by dollars and cents. Only by applying ***love***, our 1st Principle, can we lift ourselves up from our wretched past and deliver ourselves onto a foundation of ***integrity and dignity***. In the highest sense, ***love*** is the **action of service** without thought of personal gain.

For example:

Can you remember the many times that you did something for family and/or friends in which every act was caused by your ***love*** for them? Then in your darkest hour when it seemed that your help was no longer needed (nor appreciated) by them but you in turn needed their aid and assistance and is ignored by them, does regret and/or hatred fill your

heart? If so, then you need to understand the principle of ***love***.

We must begin to understand that the ***service of love*** is never lost or wasted; for, ***love is eternal*** (it can never die), and ***love is loyal*** (it will always return to its source, which is you). Therefore, when you commit an act based purely upon ***love***, the positive effects of that action will return to you, its source, no matter if the recipient of your good deed appreciates it or not. That is how we should understand ***love***, our 1st principle.

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Our understanding of ***love is unchangeable*** in its importance to our survival because it depends upon the same LAW that any principle depends upon. That is to say: In order for us to survive by ***love***, our 1st Principle, we must **DEFEND** it by living according to it. Everything in the universe (known and unknown) has a **LAW OF EXISTENCE** that it must live by in order for it to survive as such. For humankind, the 1st **LAW OF EXISTENCE** is ***LOVE***, our 1st Principle.

Let's take a look at ***"natural law"***, and how it applies to animals, plants and even rocks:

> The 'natural law' of a fish states that it must stay in the water in order for it to survive. Once a fish is removed from the water its ***'natural law of existence'*** is violated and its life begin to diminish. The water environment is a fishes' ***'natural law of existence'*** and must be defended (lived by) as such if the fish is to survive.
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> Any plant that does not get at least a small amount of its needed sunshine and rain will soon wither and die. Sunshine and rain are the plant's ***'natural law of existence'*** and must be defended (lived by) if the plant is expected to survive.

> Even rocks have a ***'natural law of existence'***. However, pour certain acids upon a rock and you will violate its ***'natural law of existence'*** and the rock will soon begin to dissolve.

If the above is true for everything else in creation then it also ***must apply*** to us. Only by living according to ***its own law*** can anything, human or non-human, survive.

Whenever anything (willingly or unwillingly) stops living according to its ***law of existence***, its chances for survival are threatened and in the long run it will finally die. Examples of this can found throughout history where man has taken animals out of their natural environment and forced them to live in cages. In most of these cases, man would make these cages comfortable and simulative of the animals real environment. Yet, even today (with such a high level of scientific knowledge available) there are many recorded cases in which the animals simply could (or would not) survive. Nor could they produce offspring in their man-made environment. The truth of which is that their ***'natural law of existence'*** was being violated, thereby destroying their most basic need: **FREEDOM**. ***NOTHING CAN LIVE AGAINST ITS OWN LAW OF EXISTENCE AND CONTINUE TO SURVIVE.***

> Can you imagine a dog living according to the law of a bird?
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> What would happen when the dog jumped off the Sears tower and started flapping its legs?
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> Or can a cat live by the laws of a fish and expect to survive under water?
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> Surely, the answers to the above questions are plain and simple.

The, how can we, The Brothers of A Struggle, live in ways that are ***'opposite' love*** (our 1st Principle) and expect to ***grow and develop*** into a reckoning power of people? Surely, we cannot. The point is, we must begin to realize ***the power of love***, that ***love*** IS the 1st **LAW OF EXISTENCE** for ***all*** humanity and without it ***no one*** will survive.

Then, we will realize that when we live against our 1st Principle, we are automatically blocking our own growth & development. By giving-in to our selfish wants and desires for the street life, we are breaking our own ***law of existence***. Selfishness hinders, not ***love***. As a result, our conscience has become numb and we physically reside in what is spiritually known as HELL, RIGHT HERE ON EARTH!

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Whether you know it or not, with every action or thought that you commit, you are either ***breaking a law*** or ***defending a law*** at all times.

For example:

> When you eat, you are ***defending*** the laws governing your need for nourishment, but your are ***breaking*** the laws of fasting. That is why your first meal of the day is called. "***break-fast***." You are ***breaking*** the laws of ***fasting***.

All people on earth have an awareness of ***love***, our 1st Principle, imbedded deep within their way of life. Even though people may be different in cultural ways, their ***natural*** understanding of ***love*** is basically the same all over the world. People all over the world know that an awareness of ***love*** for each other is the starting point of any program designed to organize, unite, gain and maintain the freedom to truly ***grow and develop*** into a reckoning power of people.

To illustrate my point, let us take a look at America.

> When people are poor, automatically, their ***laws of existence*** are threatened and their educational, economical political and social development is suppressed. These areas of "development," when combined with ***love***, make up the structure of our purpose for living. However, when the desire and/or opportunity for these "developments" has been removed or suppressed(as in the case of ghetto living), we are well on our way to self-destruction. The

> weapons of poverty, racism and minority discrimination are direct attacks upon poor peoples' educational, economical, political and social developments. Such attacks represent a threat to our survival as a race, a group of people and as an organization. In the manner of poverty, racism and minority discrimination, society encourages us to live ***against*** our 1st Principle of ***Love*** for one another. Thereby, we lose sight of our reasons for living at all and take the "***every man for himself***" approach to life. What we are witnessing today in the high crime rate of poor people (especially Black on Black crime), is exactly what the rich and super rich want and hope that we do. The controllers of this land know that if we continue to live against the 1st LAW OF EXISTENCE, which is ***Love***, our 1st Principle, they will not have to do very much to destroy us because we will do the job for them. All they have to do is keep us divided and fighting among ourselves and we will do the rest to ourselves.

Plainly speaking, this allows the rich and super rich a convenient, and seemingly legitimate, excuse to pass ***laws*** designed to "X" (cross out) a large portion of poor people from society and store them in "human warehouses" called prison.

Of course, "some" poor people have made "some" advances in society, which proves that being poor alone cannot successfully keep one out of America's mainstream. Yet, could these so-called advances be another trick to pacify the masses of poor people and dupe them into accepting the unfairness of poverty, racism and discrimination by encouraging them to believe that anyone can be a Michael Jackson or Michael Jordan? Whereas, in reality, the few who do make it in mainstream America are so few and far between as to be insignificant when compared to the millions who actually have no chance of ever making it. Afterall, we have been taught since birth "to take the bitter with the

sweet." However, for a lot of poor people, the "bitterness" of being poor is so damned "bitter" that they are willing to risk jail and/or death for a chance to taste the "sweet"!!! an entire book could be written on this subject alone, but the obvious question is, how can we overcome our condition through positive **growth & development**? The first answer should be ***love***. When combined with our educational, economical, political and social development ***love*** makes up our purpose for living and insures our continued survival in the greater community and the world.

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How many times have you tried to blame others for your hard times? Whenever things go wrong, most of us try to find fault in others and blame them for our misfortunes. The mere fact that we refuse to accept total responsibility for our actions causes us to develop anger and hatred towards those that we blame. On the other hand, once we begin to accept total responsibility for our actions, we will realize that we only have ourselves to blame and have no room for hatred towards others. Therefore, our New Concept wants to make it inexplicably clear that we are not harboring hatred for the controllers of this land nor for the keepers of their keys.

Instead of blaming others (and thereby harboring animosity toward them), our New concept teaches us to see the faults and shortcomings of our fellow brothers as opportunities to ***aid and assist*** them in becoming aware of how they can better themselves. However, it is not enough to just tell them... ***WE MUST SHOW THEM!!! BE A LIVING EXAMPLE***, not a lecturer. Then, our problems are no longer instances in which we look for others to blame. Rather, our problems become opportunities to **GROW & DEVELOP** toward a better understanding of ourselves. If we continue to live by the anger and hatred that began in us years ago, the only change that we will experience will be a change for the worse. However, when we answer who is the blame for our actions with the fact that - *I AM* - our lives will begin to take on NEW meaning. Once we realize that

what we are today is the sum (total) of what we have said, done and thought in the past, we can begin to take full responsibility for our lives and thereby create our own destiny. By accepting that - *I AM* - we can rid ourselves of the anger and hatred that stops us from living according to ***love***, our 1st Principle. By truly living according to ***love***, we will reach such a level of respectability that those in darkness will see a great light exuding from our presence, even from the mere thought of us.

LOVE IS LIGHT,
AND
THE FRUIT OF LIFE.

Through life we eat of many fruits, never seeing the trees that bear these fruits. Yet, if you were to ask the average person to take some time out of their life and plant some fruit bearing trees so that others may enjoy them, you would probably be laughed at. *Why???* Perhaps, because we take the fruit of trees for granted. However, what would happen if no one took the time to plant, cultivate and harvest our fruit-bearing trees? Eventually, there would be no fruit for any of us to enjoy.

Likewise, the ***Tree of Life*** bears many fruits of which ***love*** is the most enjoyable. Although we live off this fruit (sometimes never knowing where it came from), how many ***Seeds of Love*** do we plant in the hearts and minds of others so that they may come to know its joy? The planting of apple seeds is that which allows us to enjoy the sweetness of a single apple. So it is with the ***Seeds of Love.*** Just as one apple tree offers many apples, the returns of ***love*** are just as great. This truth about ***love***, our 1st Principle, is ***unfailing***. Therefore, we should never fear losing anything when we take the first steps of *SHOWING OUR LOVE....*

This is ***LOVE*** according to our ***1st Principle.***

THE SECOND PRINCIPLE: *LIFE*

In preparation for the task before us, let us become more aware of our 2nd Principle, the ***LIFE*** within us: that we may go on and face the **VISIONS** of our Leadership as those called forth for a purpose. From now on, we must put ***LIFE*** in its proper perspective by realizing that ***LIFE*** is an expression of ***LOVE***. ***LIFE IS THE CREATIVE FORCE OF LOVE IN ACTION.***

Life is energy that grows and develops toward a particular purpose. When you are not growing and developing toward a purpose, you are dying or dead. ***Life*** is the pure energy that flows through ***all creation***. It flows through animals and plants, as well as humans. It flows through the physical and mental, as well as the spiritual. ***Life*** is the pure energy that flows through every animated object in the universe, known and unknown. The energy that it takes for a thought to be made into a reality is the same energy that it takes to walk, one foot before the other. ***Life*** is energy in its purest form. The ***life*** that lives in the core of an atom is the same energy that gave birth to ***all creation***. ***All*** energy (***all life***) is part and parcel of ***ONE CREATIVE FORCE***. However, ***life*** is governed by ***LAWS***, which means **YOU WILL ONLY GET FROM LIFE THAT WHICH YOU PUT INTO IT.**

A person's ***life***-style is simply the way in which he uses his ***creative force*** (his ***life's*** energy). ***Life***styles can be destructive or constructive to the ***creative force*** within you.

Have you ever wondered why some unfortunate thing happened to you for no apparent reason, like being the innocent victim of an accident, mugging or any unfortunate event? If so, then you may have been witnessing the Law of Life in action. The Law of Life is precise in returning our actions to us. Its most common interpretation is , ***YOU WILL REAP WHAT YOU SOW.*** Therefore, you can accidentally cause misfortune to others, but never are you an innocent victim of your own misfortune.

For instance:

> You were in a room and the ceiling fell in and everyone escaped without a scratch except you. Your first response would be that you were an innocent victim. However, according to the Law of Life, you are responsible for whatever happens to you in ***life***. Therefore, you put yourself in the position of being hurt. It was ***your decision*** to be standing in that spot, at that moment. Of course, you are going to sue every Tom, Dick and Harry that you possibly can for your injuries. The bottom line is, it may not be your fault that the ceiling fell in, but ***it is your fault*** that you were standing in its way....

How and why is this true? Try to imagine the following:

> If you kick a cat, the energy in that kick will travel ***your 360 º CYCLE OF LIFE*** and return to its source, you. It may take days, weeks, months or years for the conditions of your ***life*** to present an opportunity for the energy in your original kick to return to its source, you. Then on an unsuspecting day while hammering a nail, you strike your thumb. Or, while crossing the street, you are struck down by a car. Your first reaction would probably be, "why did that happen

> to me?" Well, if we could remember every little thing that we have done in ***life***, we would find such happenings are only ***SELF - MEETING - SELF***. In this manner, the Law of Life ***is unfailing***.

Because everything that we do, say or think is governed by the Law of Life it is very necessary that we pay close attention to the **"Tone Of Thought"** behind our actions. For instance, when you kicked that cat, if your **"Tone Of Thought"** was, "OOPS, I'm sorry. Come here, and let me ease the pain." Then the response when you hit your thumb might be a mere "OOPS"! Or, after being struck down by that car, you might get up without a scratch and walk away unhurt. Whereas, if your **"Tone Of Thought"** was, "Get out of my way you stupid, ugly cat before I kill you! I HATE CATS!!!" Then, when you (so-called) "accidentally" hit your thumb, you would probably need some medical attention. Instead of walking away without a scratch after being struck down by that car, you may find yourself hospitalized with broken bones. The **"Tone Of Thought"** behind your actions help to determine whether they will return to you negatively or positively. However, no matter what, your actions ***will return to you.*** Such is the Law of Life in action, our 2nd Principle.

I know that the above example sounds rather simple, but truth ***is*** plain and simple. Man makes truth complicated by his desire to see things his way and creates lies to justify his lack of understanding. That is why we must come into the full understanding of our 2nd Principle, that ***LIFE IS THE CREATIVE FORCE OF LOVE IN ACTION.***

How many times have you ignored an opportunity to ***aid and assist*** your fellow brother? Are you aware of the fact that when you ignore a chance to ***aid and assist*** your fellow brother, you are setting yourself up to be refused ***aid and assistance*** when you may need it. The point is, why scorn the "bag lady" or mock the "wino," when you know what goes around comes around? Know then, that you too will be scorned in your search for riches and wealth. You too will be mocked when you search for ***life's*** sweetness. Know

that whatever you do, be it good or bad, your actions will return to you. Pay close attention to your "Tone Of Thought" because when we cause pain or hardship to someone (or something) and our "Tone Of Thought" is forgiving, we are allowed to experience the GRACE of not being hurt when our actions return to us.

REMEMBER:

LIFE IS GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT TOWARD A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

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There is no area of ***life***, our 2nd Principle, that is more important to our ***life's*** purpose than the proper use of our ***will***.

WILL: The Power To Choose

It is not nearly enough for us to merely know with our minds what our purpose is in ***life***. Our purpose in ***life*** must be made into reality and that requires the ***proper use of our will***. WILL is the deciding agent of ***life***, our 2nd Principle. WILL is the divine gift that makes us unique individuals of creation by allowing us to take on a ***chosen*** path of ***life***. Because of will, we are able to ***choose*** what we desire to do, think, become and most importantly, we are able to ***choose*** the IDEALS that we hope to reflect in ***life***. However, we have not taken full advantage of our will because we have allowed our will to become "subject to" the negative influences that destroy ***life***. In other words, the things that we normally consider as "free-will choices" (such as pimping, drug use/pushing, gangbanging, crime, etc.) are in fact, highly predicted reactions to our environmental condition that the controllers of this land have anticipated for years. Our so-called "free-will choices" are reactionary decisions made under the strong influence of our environment and are not of our own "free will." Because we have allowed our will to become "subject to" these outside influences, we are actually living according to the will of those who control our

environment, ***nor our own will***. Therefore, ours is not a "free will". Rather, ours is a *"SUBJECTIVE WILL."* For instance:

> Having a ***subjective will*** is like being in someone else's dream. A dream in which you have no power to create the scenes or change them. Let's imagine that the dream is about ***life*** and the dreamer is able to *make the laws* and *change the laws* at ***will***, or he can make *"new laws"* to hold you in check if you begin to win in his game of ***life***. He could make you rich and famous or he could make you a wino, drug addict or a criminal (according to ***his law***). In his dream, you are *used* to his ends. Your *actions* would only be *reactions* that he could control, calculate and predict and when he has no more use for you, he could eliminate you from his dream. Or he may just decide to store you away in some sort of "warehouse" for his future use. Or perhaps he will supply you with drugs and guns and let you smoke and shoot your way out of existence.

If the above setting reads familiar, it should, because that is exactly where our ***subjective will*** keeps us, locked in a DREAM WORLD that is not ours, a world in which we are ***"subject to"*** another's ***will***. The truth is that our ***subjective will*** has placed us in a ***subjective*** state of mind, meaning, we are ***"subject to"*** the forces and influences of our environment (which is controlled by those who have no regard for our best interests). It is this set of facts that determine our destiny and how we arrive at our destiny. Sometimes we make what appears to be decisions concerning our ***life***, but even these decisions are (in large part) reactions that are determined by the events and forces in our environment. ***Through "subjective will," we have surrendered*** (to the powers that be), ***control over our life's destiny***.

Up to this point, we have explained our ***subjective will*** because our ***subjective will*** is responsible for our present condition position in ***life***. However, the New Concept was conceived and born through an ***"OBJECTIVE WILL."*** In this manner, the New Concept is saying that our lives must now take on certain goals and ***objectives***. The reality of our Leadership's visions of our prosperity in ***life*** will be determined by how ***objective*** our ***will*** is. Because of this, our New Concept serves to awaken our ***objective will*** to the capacity of *rejecting* that which is negative and destructive to ***Life***, our 2nd Principle. By accepting the New Concept, we are agreeing to commit ourselves to the process of awakening our ***objective will***. Therefore, our Leadership's call is for us to ***"AWAKEN,"*** and, as outlined in the "Preface", we know that there will be some complications. However, this is true of most *"new"* beginnings. What we must remember is that our first steps (nearly 30 years ago) were like a baby's first steps, they were crude, unpolished and even negative in most cases. Yet, through an ***objective will*** , a baby soon learns how to walk proudly and stand tall. Just like a baby, our first attempts to feed ourselves at the table of ***life*** were clumsy and messy. Yet, through an ***objective will***, we will soon learn how to serve ourselves at the table of ***life*** and no longer will we be fed the garbage and degradation of being ***"subject to"*** the ***will*** of another.

The first signs of awakening our ***objective will***, will be through "self reflection." *Self reflection* is the ability to stand aside and take a closer look at your ***life***. When *self reflection* is combined with an ***objective will***, we can intelligently define our own purpose in ***life*** instead of being "subject to" the definitions of others. An ***objective will*** can be seen in our *new* direction as saying, ***"No, I will not adopt the self-destructive lifestyles that are flung at me from all corners of my environment. No, I will not continue to be "subject to" the will of those who stand to profit from my living a negative lifestyle."***

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The next time you are carrying a bag, notice that the longer and further you carry your bag (no matter how strong you are or how small your bag is), the heavier it seems to

get. On your way to your destination you may see a friend or a stranger who wants to help you along your way. You comply by giving him part of your "bag" (part of your burden) and he will carry it with the hope of reaching your destination before your "bag" gets too heavy for him to bear. However, is the "bag" getting heavier or are you getting weaker???

Now, let's apply the above quiz to a higher plane of thought. Let's imagine that our "bag" represents our individual ***life*** and that we carry our "bag " around with us from second to second, minute to minute, hour to hour, etc., into eternity. In our journey through ***life***, we are moving from one moment to the next, carrying in our "bag" whatever attitudes, thoughts and emotions that we choose. Often, we carry sorrow, self-pity, anger hatred and fear in our "bag" of ***life***. When we carry that which is depressing from one moment to the next, the weight of our "bag" begins to depress us. Soon, our "bag" begins to burden us and what do we do. We find someone to unload part of our "bag" on. We hand some undeserving person (usually, a friend), part of our "bag", part of our burden. Why do we do this? Perhaps it is because human nature demands that we share our ***life*** with someone, somewhere, somehow and we can only offer to others that which we have put into our "bag" of ***life***. However, since ***life*** is a *CREATIVE FORCE*, we have the power within ourselves to ***create*** that which we carry in our "bag" of ***life***. Whatever attitudes, thoughts or emotions that we create in one moment, we carry into the next moment. When we create that which is negative, that which we receive from our 360º ***cycle of life*** will be negative. Whereas, when our "bag" of ***life*** is filled with the understanding of our 2nd principle, we will only carry ***love*** for each other in our "bag." Because ***love*** is ***light***, we will never feel the pain of being overburdened. ***Now*** that we have arrived at the doorstep of becoming a "reckoning power of people" we must realize (more than ever before) that we will only get from ***life*** then we will know that our "bag" grows heavier only when we are growing weaker.

Under The New Concept, the 2nd principle teaches us that we must disconnect ourselves from those ***lifestyles*** that will only create negative results in our lives. We must involve ourselves in the positive expressions of ***life***. *WITH OUR OBJECTIVE WILL, WE MUST TAKE CHARGE AND CREATIVELY DIRECT OUR OWN LIVES INTO THE DIVINE VISIONS OF OUR LEADERSHIP.*

This is ***life*** according to the 2nd Principle.

THE THIRD PRINCIPLE: *LOYALTY*

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In preparation for the task before us, let us become more aware of our 2nd Principle, the ***LOYALTY*** within us; that we may go on and face the **VISIONS** of our Leadership as those called forth for a purpose. From now on, we must put ***LOYALTY*** in its proper perspective by realizing that ***LOYALTY*** **IS** ***SERVICE*** **AND** ***COOPERATION*** **WITH AN** ***ORGANIZED*** **SCHEME OF THINGS.**

The New Concept is a "revelation." A "revelation" that a "NEW ORDER" has been given. It is a "revelation" that we are considering our relationship to the rest of mankind as never before. It is a "revelation" that through **service and cooperation** with the **VISION** of our Leadership, *we can become a reckoning power of people*. Service and cooperation are the unifying agents of our struggle. Our ***loyalty*** will go down through the ages to those yet unborn and regenerate in our youth a direction that will make it *safe* for them to be a part of us. Therefore, *self-development* is not the whole purpose of our New Concept. There is a greater need. *WE MUST SEE TO IT THAT OUR YOUTH ALSO COME INTO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIVINE VISIONS OF OUR LEADERSHIP.*

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The best in life is ours, not at the expense of our fellow man but in accordance with our ***loyalty*** to an organized scheme of things. ***Loyalty*** is the natural result of being in-tune (in *cooperation*) with our purpose for living. ***Loyalty*** is necessary for the accomplishment of our goals and objectives. We have *ONE MIND, ONE AIM and ONE PURPOSE.* This is true *LOYALTY*, true *SERVICE* and true *COOPERATION*. This is our third principle.

In every successful organization ***Loyalty***, our 3rd Principle, is in effect. However, because of our past attachment to "insignificant matters," there has been excitement and enthusiasm (by the powers that be) to disrupt our ***Loyalty***. For this reason alone, we must *fully understand* that the theory of a New Concept without the practice of ***Loyalty*** leads us up a blind alley just as surely as our past practices of ***Loyalty*** without a *real* theory of organization led us to our present problems of death and incarceration. If we are to earn the respect of being a "reckoning power of people" it is necessary that those who understand these truths, take the first steps of living according to them. True ***Loyalty*** demands us to be ***reflections*** of our principles.

For instance:

> Suppose that you looked into the mirror and you saw a bad ***reflection*** of yourself. What would you do? You would probably change something. You might change your hairstyle, change your beard and mustache or maybe you will only change your clothes. Whatever the case, you will change your appearance until it ***reflects*** how you want to look. In the same manner, when you look into the "mirror of your life" and see a bad ***reflection***, then *CHANGE IT!*, by ***reflecting*** that which our New Concept teaches us.

In other words, those of us who want to ***reflect*** a true and positive purpose in life must give our life to ***Loyalty*** for a true and positive purpose. Those of us who want to ***reflect*** true love must give our ***Loyalty*** to that which we truly love. Those of us who want

to ***reflect*** a good life must give our ***Loyalty*** to the good things in life. Most importantly, those of us who wish to reflect the New Concept must give our ***undying Loyalty*** to that which is to be accomplished by the New Concept. Therefore, we must begin to build (within our communities) a *disciplined* group of people who are capable of adding momentum to our struggle by living according to our principles... ***and nothing short of them!***

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Lack of ***Loyalty***, or ***disloyalty*** is the spearhead of many of our frustrations. Sheer frustration caused many of us to strive in directions opposite our true beliefs in a manner that seriously blocks our advancement. The point is:

> Our lack of ***Loyalty*** can be seen in the way in which many of us respond to the community once we are released. After a while, we lose track of our principles and through sheer frustration our ***loyalty*** be gins to waver. Then we return to negative methods of survival which leads us right back into a "human warehouse" of death and incarceration.

In today's highly competitive society, it is impossible for us to be *given* ***freedom*** from the above scenario. True **FREEDOM** involves our being ***loyal*** to our principles and true **FREEDOM** has to come from *within* in order for it to be understood, loved, respected, protected, perfected and appreciated. By combining the theory of our New Concept (which is *organization*) with the practice of ***loyalty***, no strategy or tactic of the powers that be can succeed in the character assassination of our organization nor its members. True ***loyalty*** can free us from our past and New Concept sends a flood of newness into the lives of our youth confronting them with a chance to be somebody great just by being a part of us.

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A positive way has been chosen for all who want to go in the very proper direction of our New Concept. The New Concept is ***a constructive program of lifestyle management*** to be ***followed***. The conditions of our New Concept demands that we take a definite stand on our principles and beliefs. Understand that ***loyalty*** is probably the most difficult principle that we have to realize because ***loyalty*** calls for absolute ***SERVICE and COOPERATION*** coupled with the determination that we will ***obey*** the direction of our New Concept (no matter what we may suffer physically and/or mentally).

Through our New Concept we learn that ***loyalty grows and develops*** not by speeches nor by the mental process of memorizing this text. Rather, our ***loyalty*** can only ***grow and develop*** through our ***service and cooperation*** to the New Concept. True ***loyalty*** does not proceed at the pace of hopes and desires but by its own ***"law"*** which is based upon ***service and cooperation***. therefore, if we are to become "a reckoning power of people," we must *publicly display* in our lives that which we teach and practice behind closed doors. **Then IT WILL WORK!!!** True ***loyalty*** can only be developed through that which we believe in. It cannot be forced, but neither can true ***loyalty*** be destroyed, by outside forces. What is standing in the way of our realizing the **VISIONS** of our Leadership???

------ ONLY *SELF* ------

Through ***service and cooperation***, our bodies and minds will begin to ***grow and develop*** more perfectly and as we begin to realize that ***loyalty*** is absolute ***service and cooperation***, we will become more and more prosperous in our purpose. Then, we will become better husbands, better wives, better neighbors, better friends and better members of our glorious organization. ***BE*** what you have claimed as your belief. ***LOYALTY!*** —— *LIVE YOUR CREED!* —— Begin NOW to work hard and long through ***service and cooperation***. ***service and cooperation*** gives birth to inner-peace and a true understanding of *LOYALTY*, our 3rd Principle.

Through ***loyalty***, our New Concept teaches us that :

> A man who lives without ***loyalty***, lives without the basic ***integrity and dignity*** of humanity. *No* ***loyalty*** implies ***no purpose***, and life is so designed that it will not support a man who has ***no purpose***. Although we can pity him, even this we cannot do for long if the signs of him ***serving a purpose*** do not surface soon.

An example of the above can best be seen in our youth. They are becoming so unstable and unpredictable that they are literally throwing their lives away because they have no prime examples of where their ***loyalties*** should lie. However, the New Concept has assumed responsibility of helping to correct this situation. **HOW?, —** through our struggle for Educational, Economical, Political and Social growth and development. However, in our struggle, we must understand that it is not that our communities do not "give a damn"; but like most people, they do not want to stand and be counted for something that they fear is ***less than TRUTH itself***. For this reason, Our New Concept involves our ***service and cooperation*** in a *NEW PURPOSE*. That is to say:

> Each member has to undertake a "positive approach" toward their community or wherever they pursue their normal lives. This "positive approach" should first be in the form of ***"withdrawal"*** from those lifestyles that are against our principles, while at the same time, we must ***project*** our sense of ***loyalty*** to those things that are positive for the community.

Then our New Concept will become strong enough to cause our struggle to affect the public's opinion of us and only then will we become an effective challenge to the powers that be and ***make our isolation from society impossible***.

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Some of us already know how high a price has been paid to bring into our existence a ***new consciousness***, a ***new direction***, a ***new people*** with a *New Concept*. It has involved many disagreements. However, the *real* goal of ***loyalty*** is not to eliminate

one's right to disagree. Rather, it is to have civilized disagreements instead of the "ignorant outbursts" that can cause permanent scars (both physically and mentally). There is very little hope for those of us who remain completely ***loyal*** to the values, goals and ideals of a negative lifestyle. The New Concept of our struggle is a continuing battle for the betterment of our lives and we lose more and more with every compromise to negativity. Therefore, let's dare to see ourselves as others see us:

> Think back over your words and deeds of today and ask yourself, "Why did I do this or that? Would I have acted before the Leadership in the manner that I acted before my fellow man?—— In all daily dealings, if we cannot answer "yes" to this question, then who of us has learned true ***loyalty***?—True ***loyalty*** is a ***ONENESS of minds***; a ***ONENESS of purpose*** that will ***reflect*** our belief in these truths and principles.

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The New Concept offers to us the goals, objectives and means to true freedom. However, only through ***service and cooperation*** can we truly progress as an organization. If we want results in our lives that are satisfactory and which will give us lasting security and that will make us "a reckoning power of people," then we must always be ***LOYAL*** to the truths and principles of our New Concept.

This is ***LOYALTY*** according to our 3rd principle.

THE FOURTH PRINCIPLE: *KNOWLEDGE*

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> In preparation for the task before us, let us become more aware of our 2nd Principle, the ***KNOWLEDGE*** within us; that we may go on and face the VISIONS of our Leadership as those called forth for a purpose. From now on, we must put our ***KNOWLEDGE*** in its proper perspective by realizing that ***KNOWLEDGE*** IS THE ABILITY TO ***GROW*** AND ***DEVELOP*** THROUGH STUDY, OBSERVATION AND APPLICATION.

As we cultivate the ability to discriminate between the right and wrong ***knowledge***, we are reaching that level of existence where we can become masters of our own destiny.

For us to acquire ***knowledge*** of what is proper for our physical appetites, is a physical awakening. As we begin to practice the ***proper knowledge*** for our purpose, we will have a mental awakening. When we are able to *understand* that ***knowledge*** which can manifest our true inner desires, our ***ideals***; we will have a spiritual awakening.

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It is natural for us pursue ***knowledge***, because the ***proper knowledge*** can attune us to the CREATIVE FORCE within us and allow us to become *true masters among men.* Doesn't it make us more tolerant of our fellow man if we are able to see him as we are, or as we have been? Also, isn't it true that the better we ***know*** ourselves, the better we can understand others? ***Knowledge***, our 4th Principle, is the ingredient that can truly make us

masters among men. By studying and applying; by using the ***proper knowledge*** for our purpose; by holding fast to our ***ideal***; and by never letting our loyalty waver, we are building (step by step) that which will become *a power to be reckoned with.* True ***knowledge*** is to ***know*** the ***ledge*** of effects caused by our thoughts and actions. This means to ***know*** the consequences of all that we think and do from beginning to end. It is not enough to only ***know*** about our physical bodies. Rather, we must come to ***know*** our body, mind and soul as complete factors in our purpose for living. Thereby, we will come to realize how our *thoughts and actions are actually the* ***cause and effect*** *factor of our station in life. When we understand that the* **cause and effect** *factor is present in all that we think and do then we can truly say that we* ***know*** *the* ***ledge.*** *To* **know** the **ledge** is to ***know*** and ***understand*** how the **law of cause and effect** operates.

As we apply these principles, our ***knowledge*** will increase and our daily lives will become a ***reflection*** of TRUTH & RIGHTEOUSNESS. Then we will be capable of reflecting that ***knowledge*** which is truly ***proper*** for our purpose.

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There are three basic ways of acquiring ***knowledge***, through study, through observation and through application (actual experience). Study that which you know is the proper ***knowledge*** for our purpose, observe those who best *reflect* your highest ***ideal***, and create the attitude that will allow you to **apply** (experience) that which you have **studied, observed and found to be *proper*** for our purpose. It is through ***knowledge*** that we convey our level of intelligence to the world. The proper ***knowledge*** is that which will allow us to present ourselves as needed and wanted in our communities and the world. The PROPER KNOWLEDGE FOR OUR PURPOSE can forge the New Concept into an accelerating movement of people (both young and old), with not only the desire, but the tools to become "a reckoning power of people."

Knowledge is the opposite of illiteracy. As we begin to grow and develop in the proper ***knowledge***, we automatically begin to eliminate its opposite, illiteracy. By the same

token, as long as we postpone pursuing the proper ***knowledge*** for our purpose, we are defending our state of illiteracy. The ***LAW*** dose not change. With your every action, you are *breaking a law* or *defending a law.* If you are not *defending* our quest for ***knowledge***, then you are *defending* its opposite, ***illiteracy***. In order to exemplify the point, let's take a closer look at what ***illiteracy*** means:

> For a man to be illiterate and not struggle to remove his illiteracy, means that he has accepted being ***a slave*** to those of a higher intelligence and the destiny of his life will continually be dictated by forces ***opposite*** his true purpose and desires. Brothers, we can no longer afford our destiny to be at the mercy of our illiteracy. We must fully realize and accept the fact that ***there is no mercy for the illiterate, only EXPLOITATION, SLAVERY, INCARCERATION AND DEATH awaits the illiterate.***

Illiteracy has been used to turn the burning hostility of poor people against one another. As a result, crime is high and rampant throughout society but especially in the poor communities (Black on Black, poor on poor crimes are becoming epidemic). This condition of rising crime has been exploited by the powers that be in order to pressure society into accepting this generation of poor/Black youth as being Class X human beings. Our communities are being led to believe that if this generation of poor/Black youth is X-ed out of existence, the problem of rising crime will be eliminated. Our New Concept teaches us that such thinking is genocidal in its nature and application. Therefore, our goals as individuals should be to wholeheartedly combat illiteracy by re-educating ourselves with the proper ***knowledge*** for our purpose (which is GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT).

The proper ***knowledge*** will allow us to grow beyond this condition and communicate to our communities that ***we are not the problem.*** Rather, we are the ***effect*** of a problem that was ***caused*** long before we were born. Our problem is that we did not

have ***knowledge*** of how we were (very subtly) being denied educationally, withheld economically, controlled politically and X-ed out socially. THAT IS THE PROBLEM! Our lack of ***knowledge*** about who, what, how and why this condition was created in the first place is the problem. ***Know the ledge*** by understanding ***cause and effect***. That which is a problem for poor/black people, could very well be the solution for rich people. To ***know the ledge*** is to KNOW the ***cause and effect*** of any situation.

For example:

> We are the ***effect*** of an illiteracy ***caused*** by a system that is still not dedicated to ***properly*** educating our youth. We are the ***effect*** of an *inflated economy* that was ***caused*** by those who hope to keep us in a subservient existence. We are the ***effect*** of *tainted politics* that were ***caused*** by those whose *visions* of utopia means passing *laws* designed to X-out all poor people who do not have the ***proper knowledge*** of how to deal with an inadequate education and inflated economy. Finally, ***we are the effect of the problem, not the cause.***

However, we cannot sit around awaiting a sympathetic ear to bend our way. We must begin now to seek the ***proper knowledge*** needed for us to grow beyond these genocidal effects. To put it quite simply, either we make a ***creative social response*** or ***die.*** —— It is time to lower our profile and begin the serious task of re-educating ourselves with the proper ***knowledge*** for our purpose. Therefore, the purpose of this text (our 4th Principle) is to supply us with the fundamental ***knowledge*** of our true condition. This will enable us to determine the type of ***knowledge*** needed for us to realize our IDEAL as the *DIVINE VISIONS* of our Leadership.

Brothers, we have the obligation of contributing our levels of ***knowledge*** to and for, the betterment of every member, as well as for ourselves. Yet, it should be realized that most of past ***knowledge*** is improper for our ***new direction***. That is not to say that it is not useful. Here, the **Law of Knowledge** is most important to our understanding:

> By now, all of us should know what ***not*** to do. When we know what ***not*** to do, we automatically begin to know that which we should be doing. Afterall, it is only the opposite of what we have been doing all the time. Therefore, we must form very graphic, very precise, social illustrations about our true condition, so that the ugliness of where we are is so clear as to deprive the powers that be of any room in which to hide its injustices and genocidal tendencies.

Brothers, if you do not understand our true condition, just look into the eyes of our imprisoned youth, our mal-nourished kids, our bent-backed, over-worked elders and the masses of uneducated poor people. They do not lay a claim to the truth. ***THEY ARE THE TRUTH... of our condition.***

In our quest for the ***proper knowledge*** for our purpose, a low level of initiative is indicative of our being vulnerable to the continuation of this condition. We must check out everything that is characteristic of our organization and examine it for health or disease. We can no longer afford to be indifferent to education, economics, politics and social development. ***Knowledge*** in these areas of life makes for the difference between poverty and prosperity. And for those of us from the 1960's who are still awaiting the right moment when "the revolution" will rise to destroy the present system...*FORGET IT!* Because in the meanwhile, this generation (and the one behind it) is being devoured in family lots.

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We will never grow in ***knowledge*** and really have the integrity and dignity of our Leadership's VISIONS, until we have conquered (within ourselves) the tendency to accept life as it is. Since ***service*** is the means by which we can fulfill our true purpose in life, the question now arises, "How can I *best* ***serve***"? The conquest of illiteracy demands that we enforce a ceaseless flow of ***knowledge*** in the form of *trades*, *basic education* (GED - COLLEGE, etc.), and *data* (information) concerning the needs of our

communities. THAT IS HOW WE CAN ***BEST*** SERVE; by becoming ***knowledgeable*** in all areas of educational, economical, political and social development. Our survival hinges upon our ability to become serious enough to acquire this ***knowledge***.

Because of our unique position, we must collect the proper ***knowledge*** (from whatever source); interpret it from our ***new*** perspective and package it to suit ***our collective need***. However, we must be concerned not only with acquiring ***knowledge***, but also with the responsibilities that come with ***knowledge***. In other words, what good is it to ***know*** these things if we do not act and live accordingly? Again, ***know the ledge***. *Knowledge unused* is more harmful than no ***knowledge*** at all. It is a far greater mistake to ***know*** these truths and still not change your lifestyle than it is to never had known these truths at all. Understand that the proper ***knowledge*** for our purpose is that which develops us into an *educationally adept, economically wealthy, politically strong* and a *socially acceptable* group of people. It is the privilege of every member to experience such an ***awakening***.

Our New Concept must have standing firmly behind it, an intellectual revolution, ***a change in our thinking***. That is the first step toward acquiring the proper ***knowledge*** for our purpose. For us, ***knowledge*** has become a survival strategy, a struggle to become aware of what has really happened to us as a group of people, and a struggle to become aware of what we should be doing about it (despite the attendant pain of such comprehension). For this reason, the birth of the New Concept has given rise to an ***intellectual revolution***: an intellectual revolution that is based upon the principles that we ***know*** as ***truth and righteousness***.

Part of our awakening process is learning ***our*** faults. In learning them, we can proceed to correct them, and having corrected them, we can once again move forward. The word "revolution" suggests radical and even violent change. However, an ***intellectual revolution*** suggests that we attack books and institutions of higher learning with a

voracious attitude. We must remove force, intimidation and violence as the only means to induce social change. It is evident that the ends (our death and incarceration) does not justify the means. Rather, we must resign ourselves to becoming ***intellectual warriors*** and fight this battle with the *arsenal* of ***knowledge*** at our disposal. We must develop the attitude of ***"ripping off" knowledge*** in the form of a higher education instead of "ripping off" people. Afterall, we have "ripped off" everything else from cash and gold to bubble gum and candy. So, why not "hit" some books instead of people and "rip off" the proper ***knowledge*** for our purpose?

Then, ***KNOW*** that ***knowledge*** is not owned by any man or race of people. Rather, it belongs to whomever is willing to *earn it, learn it and use it.* Whatever we do with the proper ***knowledge*** in our various experiences gives expression to the DIVINE VISIONS of our Leadership.

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Because our New Concept is different from any other in history, we must think deeply about the implications of our unique situation. The time has come for us to think hard and long. We are only at the threshold of the many doors that the proper ***knowledge*** will open for us. To understand the New Concept requires that we determine within ourselves to ***painstakingly lift our intellect*** to the point of having a clear idea of what we should be doing——then DO IT! Always remember, once you have set out to learn the proper ***knowledge*** that will enable you to excel in our purpose, do not get upset or overly concerned about the actions and thoughts of others, by their criticism or by their flattery. The solving of our problem is based on *innovative thinking* combined with the proper ***knowledge*** for our purpose. Basically, we are *very innovative thinkers* (because we are still around after "round one" of our struggle). However, "round two" (*the intellectual revolution*) will be determined by how well we can accumulate the proper ***knowledge*** for

our purpose. Therefore, those of us with the proper ***knowledge*** must become ***educators*** charged with the intense purpose of clarifying our New Concept by not only *teaching* to others what we have found to be **truth**, but also by living according to these **truths** ourselves.

Just as our enslaved ancestors had at least enough ***knowledge*** to KNOW *who* the enemy was, we must have the proper ***knowledge*** to defeat *what* the enemy is today —— *ILLITERACY!* By ***"proper knowledge"*** it is meant ***knowledge with*** which we can begin to effectively mobilize the resources of our environment (no matter where we are) for our educational, economical, political and social development. However, we will never gain the ***proper knowledge*** if the *true dimension* of our problem is not defined. So here is a bit of history to remind us of the *true dimension* of our problem:

> **One of the most frightening facts about our situation is its similarity to the Jews of "World War II Nazi Germany." The Germans simply *passed LAWS* that allowed them to march the Jews into concentration camps and exterminate them.**

Therefore, no one can deny that if we do not strive to acquire the ***proper knowledge*** for our purpose, there is no chance for our survival.

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As stated in the VISIONS of our Leadership, the road to ***true freedom*** must begin with us acquiring the ***proper knowledge*** for our educational, economical, political and social growth and development. ***At this point in time and history, there is no other way.***

This is *KNOWLEDGE* according to our 4th Principle.

THE FIFTH PRINCIPLE: *WISDOM*

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> In preparation for the task before us, let us become more aware of our 2nd Principle, the *WISDOM* within us; that we may go on and face the VISIONS of our Leadership as those called forth for a purpose. From now on, we must put our *WISDOM* in its proper perspective by realizing that *WISDOM* IS KNOWLEDGE APPLIED *WISELY*

It is important that we realize what others think of us. Without any feelings of shame or embarrassment, we must be will to meet the measure of our principles with ***wisdom*** understanding that although each of us is different, we should not be so different that we are not recognized as brothers of the *same* struggle. Because of this, we are obligated to ***study*** and ***discipline*** ourselves so that each word and every action may reflect just who and what we are.

Wisdom is to understand that *actions* are not only the physical exertion of energy, but also that ***thoughts*** are actions, too. ***Thought*** (like a new born baby) is born from the union of the mind and soul. A ***thought*** is ***"movement"*** of the mind. This ***"movement"*** can be constructive or destructive to the thinker. Regardless, in various degrees, all ***"movement"*** of the mind (thought) must manifest itself into the material world, ***if you will.*** In this manner, the action of our ***thoughts*** is that ***we continually become what we***

think. The true link between a physical action and a *thought* action is separated by 360^{O}. In other words, our ***thoughts*** travel the same 360^{O} that our physical actions travel and like our physical actions, the act of thinking returns to us in the form of results in that *we become what we think*. The ***result*** of our *thoughts*, ***not the intent***, is the completion of its traverse on our 360^{O} cycle of life and is recognized as the what determines the rewards or afflictions allowed or disallowed us. This process is what creates our temperament and for us to understand this process will be the first step toward acquiring the ***wisdom*** of our 5th Principle.

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There are three levels of temperament. The lowest level is *inertia* (idleness, unwillingness to change or laziness). The second level is *aggressiveness* and the capacity to be agitated by outside forces. The third, and best, level is *peace of mind* and the ability to remain undisturbed by outside forces. Each person has a little of each of these in his mental make-up. However, the aim of the New Concept is to eliminate our inertia by urging us to become *industrious* and *productive*, to change our past *aggressiveness* to assertiveness and to promote a *peace of mind* that is *calm*, *tranquil*, and *balanced* through the use of ***wisdom***, our 5th principle. Therefore, through ***wisdom***, let's magnify the VISIONS of our Leadership into our daily experiences.

Wisdom is not man-made, but of a ***divine*** nature that has its foundation in truth. Unless we are truthful about our willingness to go in this ***new*** direction, how can we expect to gain the support necessary for our success? If we do not learn the ways ***wisdom*** how can we make ***wise*** decisions about our business, as well as our lives. If we do not live ***wisely***, how can we teach others how to live at all? WE must be ***wise*** and know ***wisdom*** before we can direct ourselves and rightly guide others who are seeking ***wisdom's*** way. There is nothing to regret in exercising ***wisdom***. However, as life has taught us, there is much to regret in the non-use of ***wisdom***, our 5th principle. ***Wisdom*** (as no other principle

can) shows GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT. In this manner, ***wisdom*** is a unique principle that will give us the *temperament* to put all of our other principles into action.

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Wisdom indicates that the important point to keep in mind is not simply learning knowledge that can be used for our personal advantage, but rather, let us discover how best can our present knowledge be contributed to our educational, economical, political and social development? Therefore, the question is not only one of judgment, in terms of how to be prosperous without living a negative lifestyle (such as drugs, pimping, etc.), but also a question of individual assessment. In other words, "How much and in what way, am I contributing to the DIVINE VISIONS set forth by our Leadership?" ***Wisdom*** demands that we take stock of our activities, look at them carefully and ask ourselves, "How can I contribute more to 'righteous endeavors' and less (or none at all) to those activities that are destructive and harmful to life?" When we begin to answer these questions with ***wisdom*** ***all*** will benefit from our actions (especially our youth) and the quality of life, our lifestyle will become more socially acceptable to society.

Have you ever noticed how, when a person speaks with ***wisdom***, those who are listening will sit very quietly, mouth wide open as if hypnotized? Why is this so? Because ***wisdom*** penetrates most mental barriers and introduces ***new*** and disturbing elements into the minds of most people, especially our youth. However, the attitude that accompanies ***wisdom*** is not designed to create some form of "ego dominance" such as, "big I and little you." Rather it is designed to submit your personal desires as subordinate to the demands of this ***new*** direction: ***submit*** to that which is our highest and best ideal: ***submit*** to that which is truly a DIVINE VISION for ***all*** of us. The attitude of subordination to THE VISION allows us to have some sort of moral guidance that becomes internal and allows us to decide more quickly (with a particular standard of judgment) that which is appropriate for our purpose.

Unlike cults, gangs and some religions the ***wisdom*** of our New concept does not indicate that you walk away from your children, from your wife, from your occupation or from your debts and simply follow our Leadership's VISION. It is an error to use the path of ***wisdom*** as an excuse to avoid responsibility. However, depending on the type of lifestyle and activities that you are involved in, if you have decided to follow the New Concept and have discovered that your present lifestyle is counter to the path—*such as a lifestyle of greed and violence or a lifestyle that is self-destructive*—and ***wisdom*** awakens you to this inner conflict, then it becomes your duty to change your lifestyle or to cease in those activities which are in conflict with these truths and principles. Although you may have to "throw in the towel" in terms of a negative lifestyle, this does not release you from your obligations to provide food, clothing and shelter for yourself and your family. In other words, while pursuing THE VISION, we must continue to attend to the personal responsibilities that we obligated ourselves to until these obligations are fulfilled. Even though you may cease to live a negative lifestyle, these needs are still there and need support from you. ***Wisdom*** indicates that in order for us to continue to fulfill these obligations properly and prosperously, we may need to *change* our lifestyle (and/or occupational finances) to business that is compatible with THE VISIONS of our Leadership.

To overcome this particular problem is complex but necessary to our continued *GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT*. Therefore, this problem should be dealt with in a careful and rational approach which includes a total overview of our "particular" situation, rather than our usual approach of weighing how much "crop" will be lost or how many dollars will be lost in changing our lifestyle and/or negative occupations. All of these questions, which come to the bottom line of money, seem to ignore the fact that the bottom line of our leadership's VISION has to do with a long range program of "righteous endeavors" designed to support us endlessly instead of the "rich today, gone tomorrow" type of not so righteous endeavors that we are familiar with. ***Wisdom*** indicate that this

problem needs our greater attention and awareness. Therein lies that glimmer of hope that more and more of our fellow brothers will become aware of the need to bring our educational, economical, political and social development into balance with the rest of society. We must move in this new direction with the urgency of realizing that our time here on earth is limited; that the younger generation (which is submitting more and more to ill conceived plans and negative concepts) is increasing in numbers, and that as we experience ***wisdom*** day by day, the lessons learned as past experiences become as tools for teaching our youth the DIVINE VISIONS of our Leadership. Therefore, through the ***wisdom*** of our 5th Principle we must teach our youth the need and the means For an educationally, economically, politically and socially ***balanced*** life. The "old" ways, whereby we sought power for ourselves at the expense of others, is a dying lifestyle and, like the dinosaurs of old, will soon past away.

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Wisdom demands that we study and learn the nature and effect of attitudes. Like the elements of sunshine and rain, attitudes are changeable and often unpredictable, but unlike the weather, attitudes can be controlled. We must begin to understand the nature of attitudes as that which can be controlled from within; the effects of attitudes as that which is responsible for our position in life (be it good or bad). Of course, it may not be possible for us to change the world, but it *is* possible (and necessary) for us to change our attitude about the world. ***Wisdom*** suggests that we begin to examine our attitude about life, about our situation in life and about one another to see if these attitudes are consistent; to learn what kind of activities, expressions or situations change our attitude. Knowing what can trigger off certain types of attitudes within you and how you may avoid being *caught-up* and trapped by these attitudes is the essence of ***wisdom***, our 5th Principle.

For example:

"Tunnel vision" (the failure to see the possibilities that lie beyond the narrow scope of our 'old concept') is the attitude that keeps us short-sighted in terms of our true potential for GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT. This attitude (tunnel vision) has allowed us to make excuses that justified our past defense of negative concepts and not so righteous endeavors. Because of "tunnel vision," we have found ourselves gangbanging, shooting, robbing and killing each other because "he wore a certain color" or he tilted his hat a certain way, or worse yet, because he believed in a different concept/ideology than ours. These are just a few of the "insignificant matters" that our attitude of "tunnel vision" has caused us to dwell upon.

Wisdom demands that we become more **broadminded** and incorporate the understanding that even though people have different symbols, ceremonies, customs and beliefs, they are not less (no more) human than we are. They deserve the same level of respect that we would demand from them. Thus we learn, if we are to become a true reckoning power of people, we must ***broaden*** our thinking beyond the "insignificant matters" that make us symbolically different from other organizations because our problem is within, ***not without***. ***Wisdom*** teaches us that we are only hindered by that which we do to ourselves. We can only be destroyed by our own hand. not the hand of the so called "opposition." In reality, there is no opposition, only those people who have a different concept/ideology than ours. Basically, there are two ways in which we should view these people the so called opposition): 1. We should work with them when feasible and possible: 2. We should avoid them (with all due respect to them) if we cannot work with them. Through ***wisdom***, we will quickly realize that they are not worth the price of hatred. We must now begin to live our lives more purposefully that we may, through ***wisdom***, gain

the better understanding of our New Concept and no longer allow the attitude of "tunnel vision" to dictate to us our relationship to the rest of the world.

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Wisdom, acquired by using the proper knowledge for our purpose ***wisely***, becomes both the *instrument and the guide* for our present and future actions. The union of ***wisdom*** with our New Concept is a direct call for us to dedicate ourselves to these truths and principles in the highest sense possible. If we are to see the New Concept become a *New Reality*, every member must be willing to exercise ***wisdom*** in all their endeavors. It is a call for us to positively give the duration of our lives to the realization of the New Concept. It is a call for us to develop the attitude over-viewing the entire history of our condition because, *THERE IS NO GREATER TEACHER THAN OUR PAST!*—— Therein are the answers as to how we should proceed with our struggle today. ***Wisdom*** suggests that we guide our lives not only by the futuristic implications of our Leadership's VISIONS, but also by the past mistakes of other organizations (such as T.W.O., PUSH, BLACK PANTHERS, etc...) that happened to exist before us. Most importantly, we cannot afford to blindly accept cash, favors or support from the powers that be. Through ***wisdom***, we can clearly see the ulterior motives of such support (read the 33 page document).

It is acceptable that we acknowledge where to put most of the blame for the decay that we are witnessing but ***wisdom*** reminds us that blaming without constructive thinking is that which is greatly responsible for our present predicament. We must *cease* blaming and start ***thinking***. Without thinking and dealing honestly with our portion of the blame, we can forget about true educational, economical, political and social development.

THERE IS NO GREATER TEACHER THAN OUR PAST

In our past state of self-centeredness we usually felt that we were being cheated by life. It was this type of thinking that shut us off from all the good that we had to offer our community. At the same time, this type of thinking built barriers between us and all the

good that might have flowed to us from our community. Therefore, the New Concept calls upon us to lay aside this hindering and negative type of thinking and run the race before us ***wisdom***. ***Now***, we must begin to understand how the rewards of living according to the New Concept will be in direct proportion to the degree that we accept and profess positive thinking. The problem is not that we were cheated by life; rather, ***the problem is that we tried to prosper in life by cheating***. For this reason (our attempt to prosper by cheating), society judges our particular organization greatly by the acts of a single member. However, as we grow more in ***wisdom*** and develop more toward our ***ideal***, we will be judged mainly by our ***response*** to the negative acts of a single member. Consequently, the question is, "Exactly how *should* we respond to the negative acts of a member?" In short, ***wisdom*** indicates that we hold ourselves accountable, both as individuals and a s members of this organization. Through ***wisdom***, the New Concept is saying: "Whereas, we glorified our past negative activities, ***now*** we must begin to frown upon such activities." What is to be gained when we shout from prison cells concerning the positiveness of the New Concept, if we forget about the actions necessary to make the New Concept a reality. It is clear that the New Concept calls for a *real change* in our activities and our thinking. Let us stretch-out our minds in ***wisdom's*** way by acknowledging "positive thinking" as being necessary to our future ***growth & development***.

Lastly, the *heroic* arrival of our New Concept has, by its ***wisdom*** and ***courage***, commanded that we ***grow & develop*** ourselves in a manner whereas ***life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, cannot, and will not, be denied us***.....

This is ***WISDOM*** according to our 5th Principle.

THE SIXTH PRINCIPLE: *UNDERSTANDING*

In preparation for the task before us, let us become more aware of our 2nd Principle, the *UNDERSTANDING* within us; that we may go on and face the VISIONS of our Leadership as those called forth for a purpose. From now on, we must put our *UNDERSTANDING* in its proper perspective by realizing that *UNDERSTANDING* IS THE CROWNING POINT OF ALL OUR PRINCIPLES

We have arrived at the most important part of all, our principles and ***understanding*** them. ***Understanding*** is most important because only through ***understanding*** can we become whole and complete our 360° cycle of educational, economical, political and social development. Through ***understanding*** we become whole because it (*understanding*) rejoins us to our 1st Principle (Love), and makes *all* the principles of our Six-pointed Star a platform upon which we can firmly stand under the doubtful observation of any intelligent being... Especially, the powers that be.

First, we must begin to ***understand*** the true meaning of "THE VISION" and merge our personal ideals with the ideals of our Leadership. the problem is that most of us try to "trim" the *ideals* of THE VISION to fit our personal and selfish wants and desires. However, through ***understanding***, we learn that we cannot "trim" THE VISIONS of our

Leadership to fit. Rather, we must ***grow and develop*** to fit the pattern of our Leadership's **DIVINE VISIONS**. It is only through following the teachings of our Leadership that will lead us more and more toward a perfect ***understanding*** of the New Concept[t. We can only do this by ***awakening*** to the ***new-understanding*** of our Six-Points.

There is within each of us, the desire for greater ***understanding***. It is that *still voice* in the back of our minds that teaches us *true love, true life, true loyalty, true knowledge, true wisdom and true* ***understanding***; that *still voice* that warns us of our mistakes *before* we make them; that *still voice* that protects us from the complications involved in our undertaking a New Concept. When that *still voice* is listened to, followed and ***understood***, no mistakes are made; no injustices will befall you and no love is lost in any situation. By listening to and ***understanding*** that *still voice* within——we will find ourselves seeking the good within us and sharing our ***new*** found worth with the greater community. Therefore, let's ***understand*** how to heed to the call of our New Concept. ***Understanding*** does not come in "ignorant outbursts," but as a ***still, small voice***. If we listen to and trust it, it will teach us all things necessary to our **growth and development**. Then the world will witness that: Contrary to public opinion, we have not sunk so low that we do not have the initiative to look up and seek a higher ***understanding*** of ourselves, an ***understanding*** that is in harmony with society in general. In this manner, ***understanding*** is not a mental or emotional activity. Rather, it is that level of ***conduct*** that will enable us to re-enter mainstream society with the *compatible goals* of educational, economical, political and social development (instead of our past *incompatible goals* of "gangsterism").

However, before the problem of "gangsterism" can be solved, we must begin to ***understand*** the fact that the answers to our problems cannot be found in ***"carbon copy Al Capone and Frank Nitty."*** While we may be the by-products of the same environment that produced the "gangster era," it is evident (by the vast expansion of the penal system, nationally) that we cannot live ***"carbon copied"*** lives of gangsters. Rather, our approach

to society's injustices must become ***innovative and original***. For this reason, in seeking a higher ***understanding*** of ourselves, we must remember that, although we may not ***understand*** the course of stars in the sky, the formula of mathematics or the many secrets of science, we can ***understand*** how to apply these ***truths and principles*** in our daily lives. We can ***understand*** that we are part of the ***Universal Purpose of Mankind***, rather than mere ***"carbon copies"*** of a negative social response called "gangsterism."

We must begin to truly ***understand*** the VISIONS of our Leadership and the true nature of our struggle. That is our responsibility. We must organize and encourage our fellow brothers toward "righteous endeavors" that does not portray us as gangsters. Our ***new understanding*** indicates that we should work at becoming instruments through which ***Creative Energies*** may flow. Therefore, with the acceptance of our New Concept there is also that ***awakening*** to a ***new understanding***.

Understanding is *necessary* for true **growth and development** and is essential to our living according to "righteous endeavors." it is needed in meeting the daily problems of life that arise within us, as well as in our relationship to others. Although we sincerely believe that our principles are correct, none of us can live righteously unless we are guided by the proper ***understanding*** of our New Concept. the proper ***understanding*** is that Our New Concept is a challenge for us to realize our mistakes by admittedly becoming aware of just how we lost hold of ourselves and submitted to "gangsterism" in the first place. also, we must decide that we will profit from our past mistakes by allowing them to be the main motivation for our future **Growth and Development**.

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Because of our past (negative) experiences we should forever count ourselves blessed to have endured. We should be more than willing to make ourselves better ***understood***. It is the lessons learned through ***understanding*** that strengthens and helps us become better people. Through ***understanding***, we will become living examples of that which we believe in. By the mere fact of our existence, we are examples to others. But,

are we the "right" examples for the positive **growth and development** of our youth? For instance:

> There was this guy who had three children. A boy and two girls. All of his life, he was in and out of jail, in and out of trouble and he was nearly killed numerous times. Then, one day his son came to visit him while he was in orison. "Daddy," he said. "I was reading a book and it said that a father is suppose to be an example for his son and that most little boys turn out to be like their father. Is this true or not," the little boy asked?
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> after giving this challenging question some serious thought, the father replied, "Yes, and no. In other words, yes it is true that fathers should serve as examples to their children. but, no it isn't true that sons are likely to turn out like their fathers. You see, I am a *perfect example*. However, I am a *perfect example* of everything that you should ***not*** be."

Of course, the above story may not be true for you but it is true for many of us. Most of us are *perfect examples* of everything that we do not want our children to be. Why? Simply because a negative lifestyle produces a negative example for youth. In this manner, true ***understanding*** places us in a position of significance, where we may serve as positive examples to others. Those of us who continue to serve as examples of violence, lust and greed will continue to create tragedies in our lives. By the same token, those of us who plug into our New Concept will serve as examples of ***Love, Life, Loyalty, Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding*** which brings about *freedom, peace and joy* in our daily lives. If we truly want a better deal from life our New Concept ***warns*** us to portray our principles to others. Particularly to our youth who are searching for ***examples*** in their world.

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Many of us experience things of which we have no ***understanding*** daily. Though we may have knowledge of these experiences and can relate these experiences to others intelligently, few of us with mere knowledge ever grow to true ***understanding***. Why? Because knowledge alone does not produce ***understanding***; only *knowledge combined with wisdom* produces true ***understanding***. However, the important thing to remember is that knowledge and wisdom produces ***understanding*** only when they are in harmony and agreement with an ***ideal*** such as THE VISION. Otherwise, knowledge and wisdom may become a *barrier*, a *curse*, a *dark pit from which there is no escape*. A perfect example of what can happen when knowledge and wisdom are not in agreement with a purpose, an ***ideal***, can be found in society's many *educated fools, wise dopefiends and intellectual alcoholics*. Our knowledge and wisdom used harmoniously with THE VISION is the only sure path to our developing a higher ***understanding*** of ourselves.

The new concept teaches that we must begin to recognize the knowledge and wisdom already within us, ***understand*** how we can best use our knowledge and wisdom toward THE VISION, then *act* based upon our ***new understanding***. Plainly speaking, the quality of our lives will truly be enhanced by the rewards of knowledge and wisdom used in *harmony* and *agreement* with the ***new understanding*** of THE VISIONS of our Leadership.

In this day and age, no organization can live absolutely unto itself. How we live, act and think are not only reflected in ourselves, but also has an effect upon others. That is how public opinion is formed. In the past, we did not care whether or not our ***understanding*** of life was acceptable and compatible to our community. Because of this error in our thinking, the New Concept was necessary in order to bring us back into the proper ***understanding*** of life. That which has to do with the ***understanding*** of others is reflected in our *judgment* of others, our judgment of others is that which creates our

conduct toward them and ***our conduct toward others reflect just how much*** (or how little) ***we understand about life itself***. In reviewing the *results* of our past conduct, it becomes crystal clear that the time has come for us to put into *full practice* our Six-Points of ***Love, Life, Loyalty, Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding***, so that our communities may witness the "righteousness" of that which we believe. ***NOW***, through the New Concept, ***understanding*** is saying, ***"What we once despised we must learn to cherish, and the world we formally cherished must cease to attract us."***—— Only through the proper ***understanding*** of our New Concept can we rise above the confusion in this battle for our lives.

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The right approach to our New Concept must come from a proper ***understanding*** of our educational, economical, political and social needs.

EDUCATIONAL

Without argument, *illiteracy* is our number one enemy. Naturally, in order for us to overcome illiteracy, we must become more literate. Most of us already possess basic information pertaining to our own literature. However, this is not enough. True literacy is the ability to *read*, *write* and ***understand*** the language of society in general.——

Those who have made it to the upper and middle classes from poverty, now have the tendency to look upon the poor as being in competition with their "new found" wealth and security. Because of this, they are mostly unwilling to *aid and assist* in elevating the plight of the poor. In short, our educational needs can only be fulfilled by our achieving a level of literacy that is *competitive* and *comparable* to the rest of society. Without a comparable level of

literacy, we will not be able to *compete* (positively) in society's fast paced ***growth and development***.

ECONOMICAL

In ***understanding*** our economical needs, we must begin to develop ourselves, our talents and our skills in areas that will give us a positive livelihood in the future. We must begin to make our livelihood compatible with the needs of our communities. The main reason we have not succeeded in this area in the past is because *we have not truly tried*. There is an old saying, "If you aim for nothing you will hit your target. But if you aim for something, it is very likely that you will reach that goals."

The "aim" of our New Concept is for us to invest our energies and finances in those areas that bring forth greater rewards in the future. Such as *education* and land (properties) that last and remain valuable as time goes on. Rather, than those things that are here today and gone tomorrow. The main point of economic development is that we become *self sufficient, self reliant and reach levels where we can help others in similar ways.*

In short we must discover and develop *positive* uses for our assets. Such as the sale of *positive* products and services which are in great demand by our communities.

POLITICAL

The main obstacle to our political development is that we do not ***understand*** how politics have played a very major role in our lives. All we know is that we feel victimized by the political reality that confronts us. However, our New Concept deals with politics from this vantage point: That we must begin to ***understand*** and

participate in the election process, we must research and ***understand*** the "track record" of candidates and we must begin to prepare our own candidates.

One of the main reasons why we have been victimized by the "system" is because we have no voice within the "system." As outlined in our literature, "The legislature is in control of the law-making policies that *we* must live under." However, the legislators are *voted* into office by the many communities in which we live. We must begin to ***understand*** that as long as we project a negative image to the community, the community will (in return) continue to support negative legislation. Such as the ***Class X laws***. Thus, our New Concept is saying, "If you want to change the laws and have a voice in your destiny, first you must change your lifestyle!" For us, the first political struggle that we have to deal with is that of becoming an asset to our communities. Especially, our youth. Then we can effectively talk about who to send to Washington to voice our concerns.

SOCIAL

Of course, our communities and families want to accept us but they have posed a question that can only be answered by our actions. The question is: "If we truly believe that our principles are correct then why don't our lifestyles reflect the same?" In terms of priority. the foundation of our principles is ***love, life, loyalty, knowledge, wisdom and understanding.*** However none of principles can sustain us without the blood of ***understanding*** flowing through them. The New Concept indicates that by putting these principles before us (and truly standing on them) our *conduct*

and activities will reflect the same. ***Understanding*** is that which serves to inner-connect ***all*** our principles. Thereby, producing that primary function known as ***GROWTH*** and ***DEVELOPMENT***, which is the true purpose of ***all*** life.

The New Concept indicates that "righteous endeavors" are the essence of our ***new understanding***, that "righteous" dealings with the elements of our communities is *true* ***social development***.

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In the trials that arise day by day. our ***understanding*** is tested. As we apply our knowledge and wisdom toward "righteous endeavors", little by little, the deeper ***understanding*** of these truths and principles will come to us. As we begin to overcome and put our "old" ways behind us, the development of ***understanding*** requires a constant watch upon ourselves (less we get caught off guard and let ourselves slip back into the "old concept"). Passive submission will not work. Our ***understanding*** must be an active and growing force which rises to meet our daily needs.

Day by day. struggle by struggle, this battle for **GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT** must be fought. The moment when we think our ***understanding*** is entirely exhausted, is the precise moment when we must reflect upon our true principles. What a hell life becomes when we start to act upon impulse with no ***understanding***. We must learn how to ***stop*** and analyze ourselves and the necessary 'corrections' to our behavior ourselves, instead of leaving this task up to an unfeeling Department of Corrections. The ability to solve this problem depends upon our ability to develop a *common* ***understanding*** of our New Concept. We must come to realize that there is no other way for us to reach our ultimate goals except through a proper and *common* ***understanding*** of our New Concept. As we become more familiar with the philosophy of our New Concept. its *knowledge, wisdom and* ***understanding***, our daily lives will begin to reflect that ***inner-vision of Love and Loyalty*** so that the entire world may witness our ***new selves***. Thus. our New

Concept can indeed lead us from the perilous point we are now at, to where we must go if we are to become ***"a reckoning power of people."***

How watchful must we be? Unless we are willing to sacrifice ***all*** that we have striven for, let it be known and ***understood*** that ***these truths and principles can have NO VACATION!!!***

This is ***understanding*** according to our 6th Principle.

CHAPTER 7

THE *ONE* CREATIVE FORCE

It would not be right to discuss The Universal Laws of Existence and their relationship to our Six Principles of Growth and Development, without an attempt to give due recognition to the source responsible for *ALL* things in existence. This "Source" has been known as "Absolute Spirit," "God," "Jehovah," "Allah" and many other labels. However, because of our organization's acceptance of people from many different religious backgrounds, we cannot afford the luxury of putting labels on the ***One Source*** responsible for *ALL* creation. Also, having a name for this "Source" is not nearly as important as having an *understanding* of its ***ONENESS***.

How many times have you asked yourself, "What is the truth?" Religiously speaking, we have been told that the truth can only be found in the Bible, the Koran, the Talmud, Buddhism or Hinduism, etc..... Although these different schools of thought appear to be in glaring disagreement, in varying degrees each of them is correct in their estimation of truth. However, no school of religious thought is ABSOLUTELY correct.

Whatever the case, I offer the following short story to help make clear the reasons why we are not "hung-up" on religion and why no one religion is *absolutely* correct in its estimate of truth.

One bright and sunny day, all the religious leaders of the world decided to have a meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to

discover the "unquestionable" truth of the Source of all creation. They gathered in a very large room that was air-conditioned but had only one window. To allow no outside noise to enter, this single window was closed with a thick, black shade pulled over it.

The first to take the pulpit was an Imam from the east. His speech was on Christ as a man, not a God. Strangely, as he ended his speech, a small pinhole of light broke through the shaded window and lighted his forehead. No one paid much attention to this weird event. Next, came the speech of the Pope. As if he were trying to counter the Imam, his was a speech on the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. when he had finished, the same event occurred. A small pinhole of light broke through the shade and lighted his forehead. Then came the Protestant, the Buddhist, the Hinduism, the Jehovah's Witness, and so on, until each religious leader had his say. Also, in turn, a small pinhole of light broke through the shade and lighted the forehead of each respective speaker. By now, everyone present was aware of the strange pinhole of light resting on their foreheads.

Suddenly, the entire room went dark. All the could be seen were the small pinholes of light bursting through the shaded window and dancing on the foreheads of everyone in the room. Adding to this mystery, a loud voice ***THUNDERED*** and spoke as if it were the combined minds of everyone in the room. It said:

"Each pinhole of light that has broken through the shaded window represents a degree of the truth. The pinhole of light that is resting on each of your foreheads symbolizes the degree of truth that you have spoken."

With as look of satisfaction, each member smiled inwardly at being told that he had spoken a degree of the truth. yet, the voice continued its ***THUNDER:***

"For thousands of years, you have searched the earth, the stars and the universe for the answers to life's difficulties. You have left no rock unturned, no star unnamed and no part of the universe unquestioned. Yet, you still have not realized the true Source of all these truths."

"Just as that material covering the window (the shade) blocks the *one source* of all these pinholes of light, so too does man's fascination with his material world block his ability to see and understand the ***ONE Source of ALL truth.***"

The smiles of satisfaction began to fade from everyone's face and were replaced by looks of confusion. However, the voice did not give an inch as it thundered on:

"If you want to know the ***ONE Source*** of ***ALL*** truth, then ***raise the shade*** of hatred that blocks your ability to ***Love; raise the shade*** of negativity that blocks your fulfillment of ***Life; raise the shade*** of deceit that blocks the rewards of ***Loyalty; raise the shade*** of illiteracy that blocks your way to ***knowledge; raise the shade*** of foolishness that blocks your display of ***Wisdom; raise the shade*** of your conscience (your inner voice) that blocks your gaining a better ***understanding*** of these *truths and principles*. ***Truth is plain and simple... once you raise the shades that block your view!***"

Slowly, someone approached the shaded window and ***raised the shade***. Suddenly, it was clearly understood that ***all*** the pinholes of light came from ***one source***, the Sun. Also, it was clearly understood that all of their "so called" different "truths" were from ***ONE Source, the ONE creative force of ALL existence.***

For those of us who would hope to know that ***inner essence*** of ourselves which is ***greater*** than ourselves, then know ***The ONE Creative Force*** as the essence of that which resides in each of us as ***Love***, which is Humankind's 1st Law of Existence and our 1st Principle.

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Love is the strongest creative force in the world. It is stronger than man's quest for power. It is stronger than our will to live. It is stronger than the loyalties we hold on to. Love is the motivation of at least 90% of our actions, if not 100%.

Love is the backbone upon which Nations are built. Also, it is the sword we carry into battle for another Nation's destruction.

Love is such a creative force because it causes one to act a certain way, think a certain way and feel a certain way. When love is multiplied into action by masses of people, it becomes not only a power to be reckoned with, but also indestructible.

The most important thing to understand about love is that it is an energy which is channeled by sheer will power. In other words, you choose who to love, what to love and how to love. You alone control the direction in which your love flow, be it negative or positive. For the love of money, you can become a career criminal or a clever business person. the decision is yours.

If we would only love each other as much as we love money, we would truly become a reckoning power of people.

THAT IS THE CHALLENGE OF OUR *NEW CONCEPT*

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WE
BELIEVE
IN
THE TEACHINGS
OF
OUR
HONORABLE

CHAIRMAN

ALL, as in ONE,
we depend on, trust and have faith in,
and are surrounded by
the guidance and instruction
coming from
he who belongs to us
as a worthy, noble, righteous, moral,
dignified and honest
Leader, moderator and
Master of THE VISION

WE
BELIEVE
IN
ALL
LAWS
AND
POLICIES

SET FORTH
BY
THE CHAIRMAN

AND
EXECUTIVE
STAFF

ALL, as in ONE,
we depend on, trust and have faith in
and are surrounded by
absolute
rules of conduct
as well as
wise and practical decisions regarding
our conduct in various situations,
as decreed and determined
through the message of
our Leader, moderator and
Master of THE VISION
as well as
those who put into effect, administer
and execute the vision.

WE
BELIEVE
IN
THE CONCEPT

AND
IDEOLOGY
OF
ORGANIZATION

ALL, as in ONE,
we depend on, trust and have faith in
and are surrounded by
the thought, theory, opinion
and view,
as well as
the philosophical disciplines and doctrines
associated with,
a unified and consolidated group of people
with an executive structure that deals with
the well being of all its people; an
executive structure of business and enter-
prise for individual GROWTH & DEVE-
LOPMENT and collective excelcration of
the body as a whole.

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AIDING
AND
ASSISTING
OUR
FELLOW
BROTHERS

IN
THE STRUGGLE
FOR
ALL
"RIGHTEOUS
ENDEAVORS."

ALL, as in ONE,
we depend on, trust and have faith in
and are surrounded by
the desire to support through friendship,
as well as
the desire to be cooperative toward
those who belong to us
as our companions
and are allied to us
by THE CREED and membership
associated with
our battle for GROWTH & DEVELOP-
MENT,
and are concerned with
everything in the area of
moral and honorable
undertakings of enterprise and livelihood.

WE
BELIEVE
IN
STANDING
STRONGLY
UPON
OUR
SIX POINTS

UTILIZING
KNOWLEDGE,

WISDOM

AND
UNDERSTANDING

ALL, as in ONE,
we depend on, trust and have faith in
and are occupied and concerned with
continuing to endure
courageously
by means of
that which belongs to us
as the six principles of
GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT.
We must make the most possible use of
our ability to GROW & DEVELOP through
Study, Observation and Application, and
our ability to apply, WISELY, that which
we have found to be true
as well as
our ability to look within and listen to
and trust, that small inner voice that tells
us the difference between right and wrong.
At the same time
ALL, as in ONE,
must move forward
occupied and concerned with
that which belongs to us
as a battle for GROWTH & DEVELOP-
MENT in the interest of
cultivating our minds, speech, manners,
character, conduct and skills through
training, study, instruction and examples.

AS
WE
STRIVE
IN
OUR
STRUGGLE
FOR
EDUCATIONAL

The Creed

ECONOMICAL

learning the systems of financial management ranging from family budgets to owning and operating small businesses to stocks, bonds, and understanding the national budget;

POLITICAL AND

becoming aware of and involved with the political processes of our community, City, State and Nation so that we may become active participants in making those governmental decisions, laws and policies that affect our daily lives, as well as

SOCIAL

changing our attitude and conduct toward society that we may become more socially compatible and expand our circle of acquaintances to include the middle and upper classes of society by prevailing upon them through intellect, business and politics

DEVELOPMENT.

as we unfold our NEW DIRECTION.

WE
BELIEVE
THAT
WE
ARE
A
SPECIAL
GROUP
OF
PEOPLE
WITH
INTEGRITY

ALL, as in ONE,
we depend on, trust and have faith in
the fact of
ALL, as in ONE,
existing
as
a unique and different
family
characterized by
individuals
made up of
honesty, wholeness and
righteousness of mind
as well as
self respect and worthiness.

AND
DIGNITY

WE
BELIEVE
IN
THE VISION

ALL, as in ONE,
we depend on, trust and have faith in
and are surrounded by
the understanding of where we have been,
where we are at and where we must advance
to if we are to survive,
as revealed by
he who belongs to us
as a noble and dignified
guide, moderator and
Master of THE VISION.

OF
OUR
GREAT
LEADER

The Creed

AND
THROUGH
HIS
VISION

by the way of
he who guides us
toward the proper understanding of where
we have been, where we are at and where
we must advance to if we are to survive
ALL, as in ONE,
has the ability and
the right
to GROW & DEVELOP into
ONE
that has to be considered
as being courageously strong
and associated with
an organized and unified group
that surpasses
all limitations
and cannot be
contained.....

WE
CAN

BECOME
A
RECKONING
POWER
OF
PEOPLE,
BEYOND
BOUNDARIES,
WITHOUT
MEASURES.

Continue The Struggle!!!

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